

Mega irrigation projects in Jharkhand

†1837. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of mega irrigation projects introduced by the Government in Jharkhand during last thirty years;
- (b) the total amount spent on the said projects;
- (c) the number of projects completed till date; and
- (d) whether project-wise detail will be laid on the table by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Government of Jharkhand, two major irrigation projects namely Punasi Reservoir Project and Amanat Barrage project have been taken up during the last thirty years. The Government of Jharkhand has also informed that the expenditure incurred up to March, 2010 on Punasi Reservoir Project and Amanat Barrage project are Rs. 119.14 crore and Rs. 253.73 crore respectively.

(c) and (d) These projects have not been completed. The progress reported by the Government of Jharkhand is as under:-

Sl.	Name of Project No. System	Head	Main Works	Distribution Canal
1.	Punasi Reservoir Project	30%	30%	0%
2.	Amanat Barrage Project	99%	40%	20%

Floods due to rivers from Nepal

†1838. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 22 out of 38 districts in Bihar suffer from floods almost every year due to rivers coming from Nepal;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is a need of cooperation between India and Nepal to get rid of problem of flood; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government so far to hold talks with Nepal and the action plan for future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All the districts of North Bihar suffer from floods almost every year due to rivers coming from Nepal. Therefore, Government of India is having

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