

DR. K. L. RAO : The amount allocated in the first appraisal was Rs. 90 crores for medium and major irrigation projects in UP. This has since been raised to Rs. 136 crores.

SHRI RANBIR SINGH: Sir,...

MR. CHAIRMAN : You are not from U.P.

SHRI RANBIR SINGH : I am very much interested.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You are a new Member. Therefore, I am allowing you.

SHRI RANBIR SINGH : Is it not a fact that in the year 1963 an agreement was signed to construct the Kishaw dam ? May I know when it is likely to be started or taken up for construction and when it is likely to be completed ?

DR. K. L. RAO : The hon. Member was the Irrigation Minister in Punjab and that is how he knows this. It is quite true, as the hon. Member has said, that we had discussed the Kishaw project. It helps a good number of States including Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi and so on. But unfortunately the investigations are not complete. They have done one site only and now they are doing the other site. They have not been finalised. I am pursuing it with the UP Government to finalise the investigations as soon as possible so that we can take up the work as quickly as possible.

WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN KERALA

♦478. SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any irrigation projects in Kerala have been considered by Government for World Bank assistance; and

(a) if so, what are the details of the projects and the proposed assistance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJNATH KUREEL): (a) and (b) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) The Government of India have posed three irrigation projects in Kerala namely the Pamba, Kuttiyadi and Pazhassi Projects to the World Bank for financial assistance. The first project envisages the construction of a Barrage across the Kakkad river, a tributary of the Pamba river, it would utilise tailrace waters of the Sabarigiri Hydro electric Project already in operation and, on completion, would provide irrigation over an area of 43,000 acres. The second project consists of a masonry dam across the Kuttiyadi river and, on completion, would provide irrigation benefits over an area of 36,000 acres. The third project consists of a Barrage on the Valapattanam river and, on completion, would irrigate an area of 14,000 acres. The proposals are under discussions with the World Bank. The extent of assistance would be determined on the conclusion of these discussions.

श्री बीरेन्द्र कुमार सकलेचा : क्या माननीय मन्त्री महोदय बतायेंगे कि इरिगेशन के बारे में जो अलग-अलग स्टेट्स हैं उनमें बड़ा अन्तर है, मध्य प्रदेश में 7 या 8 परसेंट इरिगेशन है और अन्य स्टेट्स में 22 या 23 परसेंट इरिगेशन है, तो यह समान रूप से आ सके और इसके लिए वर्ल्ड बैंक से सहायता के लिये, विशेष रूप से जो पिछड़े हुए इलाके हैं, जहाँ पर बहुत कम इरिगेशन है उनके लिए भारत सरकार क्या प्रयास कर रही है ?

DR. K. L. RAO : It is true that Madhya Pradesh is the lowest in the country in point of irrigation and we should make an attempt in the next Plan to

see that irrigation is accelerated in that area. Now, with regard to the World Bank assistance, I want to tell the hon. Member that the World Bank assistance is not passed on to the States. It is only a source for the Centre. And the money that is given to the State is dependent upon the formula arrived at the beginning of the Fourth Plan by the National Development Council, which might be modified in the next Plan. Whatever the World Bank gives does not go to the States, it goes only to the Centre.

SHRI V. K. SAKLECHA : Sir, one more.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, no.

श्री वीरेन्द्र कुमार सकलेचा : जो जवाब दिया है उसी के बारे में है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : In the first place it is not a case relating to Madhya Pradesh. And secondly, you are not entitled to put two questions.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : May I draw the hon. Minister's attention to the move by the US, especially their Finance Department, in order to stop the World Bank from giving assistance to India ? And may I know, in view of these moves by the United States, what steps the Government are going to take to meet the situation and ensure that the committed assistance is made by the World Bank to India ?

DR. K. L. RAO : We have not received any intimation officially that the World Bank is stopping its assistance to India.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : It has come in the papers.

DR. K. L. RAO : I agree. But we have not received anything officially so far. There are only two applications pending with them. One is for the transmission system and the other for the Tawa Project. Besides these two, we

are also passing some more projects for consideration by the World Bank for assistance. Sir, the World Bank gives two types of loans. One is almost a very liberal and soft loan, no interest payable, and also payment will be in 50 years. I do not think there is any reason why we should forego that.

*479. [*The questioner (Shri B. V. Abdulla Koya) was absent. For answer vide col. 39 infra*].

*480. [*The questioner (Shri Sundar Maui Pael) was absent. For answer vide col. 40 infra*].

*481. [*The questioner (Shri Sitaram Kesri) was absent. For answer vide col. 40 infra*].

*482. [*The questioner (Shrimati Pratibha Singh) was absent. For answer vide col. 41 infra*].

*483. [*The questioners (Shri K. C. Panda and Shri Sundar Mani Patet) were absent. For answer vide cols. 41-43 infra*].

MALGUDAM COOPERATIVE LABOUR CONTRACT SOCIETY, SHALIMAR

*484. SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Malgudam Cooperative Labour Contract Society Ltd., Shalimar stated in their tender application dated 23rd July, 1971, that "Choudharies-cum-lorry Owners Transportation Association, Shalimar" were their Patrons;

(b) the total number of rank outsiders who became members (presumably members) of the said society but were not employed as actual mazdoors or workers at Shalimar prior to 8th September, 1971;

(c) the number of lorry owners who have enrolled themselves as Members and