

according to reliable reports a large number of Buddhists were killed in Cox's Bazar. Some of them as a result of this persecution are reported to have crossed over to Burma. More recently, early this year certain very holy and sacred shrines, Hindu temples, were taken over by the Pakistan government in the south-eastern districts of Pakistan. I have only quoted statistics upto 1967 and I do hope that these statistics will put the picture straight as far as the situation in Pakistan is concerned.]

#### SEA EROSION IN KERALA

\*119 SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN  
SHRI S. KUMARAN:  
SHRI BALACHANDRA MEISON: SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA  
MENON: DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has recently received any request from the Minister for Irrigation and Agriculture in Kerala for immediate financial assistance for anti-sea-erosion works on the Kerala coastline:

(b) if so, the details of the requirements advanced by the Government of Kerala:

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to meet the requirements of Kerala in this regard: and

(d) the extent of damage caused due to sea-erosion in Kerala during the current year and the progress achieved as a result of the anti-sea-erosion works

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

(a) to (c) The State Minister for Irrigation and Agriculture, Kerala, had recently made a request for Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 2 crores for this year for undertaking some of the immediate anti-

sea-erosion works in the State. The request of the State Government is under consideration.

(d) According to the report received from the Government of Kerala, damages are caused by sea-erosion at Panathurakara and Poonthura in Trivandrum District, Srayikad and at the rear side of FXP Company, Ch'avaara in Quil on District, Thottapally to Alleppey especially at Purak-kad. Punnappra. Vadakkal, Karoor etc. in Alleppey District. Malipuram in Ernakulam District and Padnae Kadappuram in Cannanore District. In Purakkad area six hundred huts were damaged and thousands of Coconut trees were uprooted. About 6 Km. of land was eroded.

Since the beginning of the First Plan, a total coastline of about 70 Kms. has been protected from sea-erosion in Kerala.

#### WESTERN KOSI CANAL PROJECT

\*120. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

#### पश्चिमी कोसी नहर परियोजना

\*120. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या सिंचाई तथा विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने पश्चिमी कोसी नहर परियोजना (बिहार) को कार्यान्वित करने के अपने पूर्व निर्णय को बदल दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार के पास इस सम्बन्ध में कोई वैकल्पिक योजना है ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि गर्मी के मौसम में बोयी जाने वाली गरमा धान की फसल के लिये रिहन्द परियोजना से सोन नहरों में पर्याप्त पानी नहीं छोड़ा जा रहा है ?

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have abandoned their earlier decision to implement the Western Kosi' Canal Project (Bihar):

†[ ] English translation.