

perfectly well that he is going to these concessions from the Government, he cannot bargain with the foreign collaborators to the best of our interests. India's interests. May I know whether the present procedure comes in the way of getting the best bargain from the collaborators?"

SHRI ASOKA MEHTA: No, Sir. Only matters which involve policy decisions are taken to the Cabinet. For instance, whether ammonia should be imported or not and whether any fertiliser plant based on import of ammonia should be set up or not is a policy matter which has to go to the Cabinet. But other normal decisions are taken by the Ministry and by the various organs of the Government.

बिहार में बड़ी सिंचाई परियोजनाएँ

* 560. श्री आर० पी० खैतान : क्या सिंचाई तथा विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में केन्द्रीय सहायता से शुरू की गई बड़ी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं की प्रगति बहुत धीमी है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस समय जिन योजनाओं पर काम चल रहा है, उनकी प्रगति का ब्योरा क्या है; और

(ग) अगले वित्तीय वर्ष में जिन योजनाओं के लिए जाने की सम्भावना है, उनका ब्योरा क्या है ?

[MAJOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN BIHAR

*56Q. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major irrigation projects in Bihar taken up with Central aid are making slow progress;

(b) if so, what are the details of progress made in the schemes which are now under execution; and

(c) what are the details of the schemes which are likely to be taken up during the next financial year?]

[] English translation.

सिंचाई तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (प्रोफेसर सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद) : (क) जी हाँ, कुछ हद तक ।

(ख) विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है (नीचे देखिये) ।

(ग) अगले वित्तीय वर्ष के कार्यक्रम को अभी अन्तिम रूप दिया जाना है । आशा है कि सोन उच्च स्तरीय नहरों पर कार्य अगले वर्ष के दौरान आरम्भ कर दिया जायगा ।

विवरण

बिहार राज्य में केन्द्रीय सहायता से आरम्भ की गई बृहत सिंचाई परियोजनाओं पर कार्य प्रगति

कोसी परियोजना:—बराज पूर्ण हो चुका है । पूर्वी कोसी नहर प्रणाली लगभग पूर्ण हो चुकी है । नहर के अन्तिम छोर की कुछ संरचनाओं का निर्माण कार्य और जलमार्गों की खुदाई का कार्य प्रगति कर रहा है ।

राजपुर नहर पर कार्य अच्छी प्रगति कर रहा है ।

45 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमित राशि में से मार्च 1968 तक कोसी बराज और पूर्वी नहर प्रणाली (सिंचाई हिस्सा) पर 41 करोड़ रुपए व्यय हो जायेंगे । राजपुर नहर पर मार्च, 1968 तक 7 करोड़ रुपये की राशि में से 311 करोड़ रुपये व्यय हो जायेंगे ।

गंडक परियोजना:—बराज पर कार्य पूरे जोरों से चल रहा है । 36 दरों में से 20 दरों के खण्डों की कास्टिंग पूर्ण कर दी गई है । द्वारों और हाएस्टों के प्रतिष्ठापन, तथा सन्निहित भागों को लगाने के कार्य में अच्छी प्रगति हो रही है । पूर्वी और डोन शाखा नहर और तिरहुत नहर पर तथा मुख्य नहर की प्रथम पट्टियों में कार्य प्रगति कर रहा है । उत्तर प्रदेश में देवरिया शाखा और तिरहुत नहर की ऊपरी पट्टियों में माइनरों और सहायक नहरों का निर्माण कार्य भी प्रगति कर रहा है ।

142 करोड़ रुपए की कुल अनुमित लागत में से अभी तक 50 करोड़ रुपए व्यय हुए हैं ।

सोन परियोजना :—सोन बराज पर कार्य पूर्ण हो गया है। सम्पर्क नहरों सम्बन्धी कार्य और वर्तमान सोन नहर प्रणाली के पुनर्स्थापन से सम्बन्धित कार्य काफी हद तक पूरा हो चुका है। जल मांगों की खुदाई हो रही है। 18.3 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमित लागत में से मार्च, 1968 तक लगभग 17.7 करोड़ रुपये खर्च हो जायेंगे।

चन्दन परियोजना :—बांध पूर्ण होने को है।

9.5 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमित लागत में से मार्च, 1968 तक 4.5 करोड़ रुपये व्यय हो जायेंगे।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) To some extent, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House (see below).

(c) The programme for the next financial year has yet to be finalised. It is likely that work on the Sone High Level Canals will be taken up during the next year.

STATEMENT

Progress of Major Irrigation Projects in Bihar taken with Central Assistance,

Kosi Project—The barrage is complete. The Eastern Kosi Canal system is nearly complete. Construction of a few structures at tail end and excavation of water courses is in progress.

Work on the Rajpur Canal is in good progress.

Out of an estimated amount of Rs. 45 crores a sum of Rs. 41 crores would have been spent by March, 1968 on the Kosi Barrage and the Eastern Canal System (Irrigation portion). On the Rajpur Canal out of Rs. 7 crores a sum of Rs. 3 crores would have been spent by March 1968.

[] English translation.

Gandak Project—Work on the barrage is in full swing. Out of 36 bays casting of slabs on 20 bays has been completed. Installation of gates and j hoists, fixing of embedded parts, etc. are all in good progress. Work on the Tirhut Canal and on the Don Branch Canal on the eastern side and on the main canal in the first reaches is in progress. Construction of distributaries and minors in the Upper Reaches of the Tirhut Canal and on the Deoria Branch in U.P. are also in progress.

Out of an estimated amount of Rs. 142 crores a sum of Rs. 50 crores has been spent up-to-date.

Sone Project—The work on the Sone Barrage is complete. The work on link canals and re-modelling of existing Sone Canal System is substantially complete. Excavation of water courses is in progress. Out of an estimated cost of Rs. 18.3 crores about Rs. 17.7 crores would have been spent by March, 1968.

Chandan Project—Dam is nearing completion.

Out of an estimated cost of about Rs. 9.5 crores, about Rs. 4.5 crores would have been spent by March, 1968]

श्री आर० पी० खेतान : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बतलायेंगे कि गन्धक प्रोजेक्ट के लिए जो जो 142 करोड़ रुपये का इस्टीमेट किया गया है उसमें से अभी तक 50 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किए गए हैं जिसके कारण से यह काम ढीला हो रहा है ? क्या बिहार गवर्नमेंट की ओर से और रुपये की मांग आई थी ; और अगर आई है तो उसके बारे में सरकार क्या विचार कर रही है जिससे गन्धक प्रोजेक्ट जल्दी से जल्दी पूरा हो और फूड की समस्या भी हल हो ? क्या सरकार इनके ऊपर ज्यादा ध्यान देगी ?

DR. K. L. RAO: It is true that the Gandak project should be accelerated. Recently the Deputy Prime Minister has given some more funds for selected irrigation projects, and the Gandak project will get benefit out of this.

SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: Is it the policy of the Government to Centrally finance all major projects wherever they may be? If so, what amount of funds was made available from the Centre for the Godavari project? If no funds have been made available, will these funds be made available and aid given on behalf of the Centre to the project?

DR. K. L. RAO: The policy is that some selected projects are given hundred per cent, loan assistance and the other projects are given part assistance, and the Godavari project has not been considered for this. As the work progresses, we will see.

SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA: The hon. Minister has just replied with reference to the Gandak project that some money has been granted. So far as I know the Bihar Government wanted Rs. 5,000 crores as the minimum sum for the carrying out of the Gandak project. What does the Minister mean by some amount? Is it Rs. 5 crores or less?

DR. K. L. RAO: Naturally it will be more than Rs. 5 crores; Rs. 5J crores is what is allotted, and the amount of money will be substantially more than this. The exact amount is under consideration.

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH: What is the criterion that has to be taken into consideration in giving this Central financial aid to the major projects? Why should there be any discrimination between Nagarjunsagar and Bhakra Nangal like this? Will the Minister consider these things and see that justice is done to Nagarjun-sagar and funds are released for the accomplishment of the project in time?

DR. K. L. RAO: As I have already submitted, financial assistance is given to all projects. Only some selected projects which have got a high potential and which will be developed soon will be given 100 per cent, loan assistance, and Nagarjunsagar Project is being given 100 per cent, assistance.

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH: Sir, my question is not answered. M/S79B8S—8

MR. CHAIRMAN: No more.

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH: What are the criteria? I asked him, what are the criteria?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has explained the criteria. Taking all circumstances he will look into it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, it is stated that some money has been given in the Budget. May I ask from the hon. Minister what is the total amount required for putting through all these projects which have been sanctioned already and what is the percentage of Budget allotment this year and whether it will adversely affect the food production in the season?

DR. K. L. RAO: The number of irrigation projects sanctioned and not yet completed are quite large in number and their requirements are of the order of Rs. 1,000 crores. This year the financial assistance from the Centre is of the order of about Rs. 130 crores. The intention is to complete those projects which are spillovers and that will be the first criterion.

*374. [The questioner (Shri Sitaram Jaipuria) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 4234-35, infra.]

*561. [The questioner (Dr. Z. A. Ahmad) was absent. For answer, vide col. 4235 infra.]

*562. [The questioner (Shri S. S. Mariswamy) was absent. For answer, vide col. 4236 infra.]

*563. [The questioner (Shri K. Sundaram) was absent. For answer, vide col. 4236-37 infra.]

*564. [The questioner (Dr. (Mrs.) Mangladevi Talwar) was absent. For answer, vide col. 4237 infra.]

*565. [The questioner (Shri Sundar Singh Bhandari) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 4238-39 infra.]

*566. [The questioner (Shri R. S. Khandekar) was absent. For answer, vide col. 4239 infra.]