

REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING LOWERING OF HEIGHT OF UKAI DAM

*93. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received by Government from the agriculturists of Namdurban, Toloda, Nawapur and other taluks regarding the lowering of the height of Ukai Dam on Tapti; and

(b) if so, whether any reply has been sent on those representations?

THE MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री देवकीनन्दन नारायण : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतला सकते हैं कि आपसे पहले जो मंत्री इस काम के लिए थे, उनके पास एक हेपुटेशन खानदेश से आया था और रेप्रिजेंटेशन हर एक परगना से आये हुये हैं ?

श्री एस० के० पाटिल : वह मुझे मालूम नहीं । सवाल पूछा गया था कि इन गांवों से कुछ कम्प्लेंट आई है, तो हमारे पास नहीं आई है । इसकी खबर मुझे नहीं है ।

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: I want to know whether the representations were received by the hon. Minister's predecessor or not.

SHRI S. K. PATIL: It was received by the Planning Commission and not by us.

SHRI SONUSING DHANSING PATIL: What is the height of the Ukai Dam?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: That does not really arise out of this question but if he wants to know that, it is between 345 and 351 feet.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know the number of villages that are likely to come under water under this dam?

SHRI S K PATIL: I do not think that this question arises out of this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then do not answer that.

RISE IN PRICES OF JOWAR, WHEAT AND RICE IN BOMBAY STATE

*94 SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to check the rise in prices of jowar, wheat and rice in the State of Bombay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): Government have taken the following general measures to stem the rising trend in the prices of foodgrains:

(i) distribution of wheat and rice from Government stocks through a large number of fair price shops;

(ii) regulation of advances by Banks against stocks of foodgrains; and

(iii) cordoning off of certain large consuming areas like Bombay City so far as wheat is concerned so that they are prevented from making heavy draw on the internal markets, their requirements being met wholly by Government.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know the prevailing prices of jowar and bajra in Bombay State today?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: They vary from centre to centre. The price in Nanded today is Rs. 12-12 per maund whereas last year it was Rs. 12 about this time. In Malkapur it was Rs. 11 last year and it is Rs. 12 now. In Nagpur it was Rs. 13 last year and now it is Rs. 13-6-0. In Akola it was Rs. 11-4-0 last year and it is Rs. 13 now. These are the figures.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: The kharif crop in certain parts of