

FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES IN ORISSA

*9. SHRI S. DWIVEDY: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to survey the Brahmani and Baitarani rivers as a measure of flood control in Orissa ;

(b) whether the proposal to construct two other dams—at Tikarpara and Naraj—besides Hirakud, further down on the river Mahanadi has been abandoned ;

(c) whether Government have examined the views expressed by experts that the Hirakud Project alone would not be able to check the flood problem of the Mahanadi unless multiple dams are constructed ; and

(d) whether Government have examined the opinion of certain experts that the reservoir at Hirakud is likely to be filled up by silt deposits within 17 years of its construction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) : (a) Not at present.

(b) No, Sir. Investigations on these two projects are in progress.

(c) The Hirakud Dam Project alone will solve the flood problem of the Delta areas almost completely.

(i) The Advisory Committee for the Hirakud Dam Project appointed by the Government of India in January 1952 examined this point and they have reported that the dead storage provided a silt reserve of over 100 years. This has been confirmed by Dr. J. L. Savage, an International Authority on High Dams who visited the site in March 1952.

NATIONAL PLANNING REPORT

*10. SHRI S. DWIVEDY: (o) Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state whether Government have considered the report of the National Planning Committee of the Indian National Congress, 1939 ?

(b) Have Government decided to implement the whole or any part of the recommendations of that Committee ?

(c) Is it a fact that a circular No. F. 13-15/49-L, from the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of India, was issued to all State Governments regarding cow-slaughter, on the basis of the recommendations of the above Committee ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most of the recommendations of the National Planning Committee have been taken into consideration in preparing the report on the Five Year Plan.

(c) The circular was issued by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of India to all State Governments; but it was not based on the recommendations of that Committee.

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: In that circular, was any mention or reference made to the recommendations of the National Planning Committee?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: No, Sir.

INDIAN SHOW ROOMS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES,

*11. SHRI B. RATH : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any showrooms in India's Missions abroad ; if so, in which countries ; and

(b) the annual expenditure incurred by Government on the showrooms in each country ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMAKAR) : (a) Yes. A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(6) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.