

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) No Sir, Chairman of the Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers has not asked any topography maps from Surveyor General of India.

However, NWDA procure the requisite secret/restricted toposheets from Survey of India following proper procedure for their safe custody for carrying out various studies.

#### **Utilisation of excess water**

4171. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state whether Government has any action plan to implement the River Linking Projects in the country to control flood, proper utilisation of excess water and water way transportation during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): Yes, Sir.

#### **Flood management programme**

4172. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had earlier started the Flood Management Programme which includes 406 flood management works of critical nature from 24 States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the targets fixed under this programme has been achieved; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Yes, Sir and 420 Nos. flood management works of critical nature in 23 States and one Union Territory were included under Flood Management Programme during XI Plan.

(b) and (c) The works under the Flood Management Programme are executed by the State Governments and out of the outlay of Rs. 8000 crore, the Central Assistance of Rs. 3566 crore was released during XI Plan. The State-wise details of works included, works completed and fund released under Flood Management Programme during XI Plan are given in the Statement.