

[B. Jagabandhu Sinha]

(b) Out of 68 villages in zila Balabhadrapur the damage done to crops in 14 villages was 8 to 16 annas and in the remainder below 8 annas, on an average.

(c) and (d) Excepting eight villages, where takavi loans have been distributed and gratuitous relief is at present being given, the people in the affected villages of zila Balabhadrapur are not suffering as badly as those in the villages of the Brahmagiri thana.

(e) Reference is invited to the general statement dealing with the floods in Orissa made by the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Revenue Department on the 20th January 1926.

PROGRESS MADE IN THE CHANDAN BILASI IRRIGATION SCHEME  
IN THE DISTRICT OF BHAGALPUR.

70. Babu ANANT PRASHAD : Will Government be pleased to state what progress has been made in the Chandan Bilasi scheme in the district of Bhagalpur and whether the work is likely to be taken up this year ?

Mr. W. H. LEWIS : Orders under section 3 of the Bihar and Orissa Minor Irrigation Works Act, 1922, were issued to the Collector in June 1925, and a report submitted by the Collector under section 6 is under consideration. As the scheme is still in its preliminary stages, Government are unable to give any assurance as to when it is likely to be taken up.

KHURDA FORESTS.

71. Babu GODAVARIS MISRA : (a) Will Government be pleased to state the area of the demarcated protected forest in the subdivision of Khurda ?

(b) How much of this area is opened annually for (i) the removal by the people of (a) fire-wood and (b) timber and (ii) grazing ?

(c) Who are entitled to take (a) fire-wood and (b) timber from those demarcated protected forests and to graze cattle within them ?

72. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the purpose for which the forest cess is levied in the subdivision of Khurda ?

(b) On whom is this cess levied ?