

(iii) organisation of intensive training programme in operation and maintenance of thermal power plants;

(iv) visit of roving specialist teams to various thermal power stations for introducing better operational practices in identified thermal power stations;

(v) Supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal to thermal stations;

(vi) arranging assistance to the power stations in repairing re-commissioning generating units under prolonged shut-downs;

(vii) introduction of modern maintenance techniques including preventive maintenance practices; and

(viii) arranging visit of experts from various disciplines to power stations for suggestions for improving the performance of the power stations; and

(ix) Arranging supply of spare parts.

Ganga-Kaveri Link Scheme

549. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD:
MATHUR:

SHRI HARISHANKAR BHA-
BHRA:

SHRI SUNDER SINGH
BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the year when DR. K. L. Rao's Ganga-Kaveri Link Scheme and Captain Dastur's Himalayan Canal and the Garland Canals Schemes were prepared and what is the present progress in implementing these schemes;

(b) whether it is a fact that the former scheme was originally to cost

about Rs. 12,500 crores and the latter about Rs. 24,095 crores; and

(c) what is the present estimated cost of these schemes and the period likely to be taken in their completion?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDE): (a) Dr. K. L. Rao formulated his proposal on the Ganga-Kaveri Link scheme in 1972. Captain Dastur forwarded his proposal on Himalayan Canal and the Garland Canal Schemes in 1975. The proposals of Dr. Rao were considered to be grossly under-estimated both in capital and recurring cost and in addition would require 5 to 7 Million KWs of power for lifting water. Dastur's proposals were considered to be technically unsound and economically prohibitive. Neither of these proposals have, therefore, been taken up for implementation.

(b) Yes, Sir, Dr. K. L. Rao had estimated the cost of his proposal to be Rs. 12,500 crores. Similarly, Captain Dastur had estimated the cost of his proposal to be Rs. 24,095 crores.

(c) According to preliminary studies carried out by Central Water Commission, the cost of Dastur's proposal works out to about Rs. 12 million crores. Present estimated cost of Dr. K. L. Rao's proposal has not been worked out.

The period likely to be taken in the completion of these schemes does not arise in view of (a) above.

550. [Transferred to the 14th August, 1980].

Flow of associated gas to Gujarat

551. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the statement of former Petroleum Minister (Shri H. N. Bahuguna) made in answer to a Calling Attention Notice in the