

बाजार से खरीदें, जिसमें यह मालूम न हो कि कितने का मैंने खरीदा और क्या दाम दिये, अगर वे खुद खरीदें। उनका फाइनेन्शियल कंट्रोल होगा, उनका फाइनेन्शियल एड्वाइजर होगा, तो इसमें गवर्नमेंट को फायदा होगा। नुकसान की बात नहीं है।

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN : Sir, my question has not been replied to.

MR. CHAIRMAN : More or less.

Saw I. K. OJRAL : The hon. Minister has initiated an interesting thesis*. He believes that all the purchases should be decentralised. May I ask him if it is going to result in the fact that ultimately this department should be wound up and, also, if it is not motivated by the fact that some big suppliers have refused to give further supplies because their bills are not paid in time ?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA : The second part of the question is more or less correct. I am looking into all these matters. In what time the bills should be paid and whether bills running into lakhs of rupees should be paid without any scrutiny, as regards that, I am afraid, as the Minister-in-charge of this Department, I would have to take every possible precaution. I am sure even in regard to the suppliers, they have no grouse against the contractors, but I am afraid of any vigilance cases being started against the Minister or the senior officers of this Ministry. That is No. 1. As regards the first part of the question, the amount of money that is now being spent on the Stationery Department of the Government of India is rapidly rising. What I think is to decentralise this control. We are going to have four regional centres, in Calcutta, Madras, Delhi and Bombay. Thirdly, I saw the representatives of the Stationery Department in Calcutta only about a fortnight ago and I have promised them, I have assured them and I make a categorical statement before the House that their service interests shall be properly safeguarded.

NAGARJUNASAGAR DAM

*295 : SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to State :

(a) when will the Nagarjunasagar Dam be commissioned; and

(b) whether the availability of Krishna waters for Maharashtra be affected by the commissioning of the

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) The construction of the dam is expected to be completed in all respects by 1968. Storage will, however, commence earlier enabling release of water for a portion of the ayacut by June, 1966.

(b) No, Sir. The utilisation envisaged under the project as approved for execution is well within the tentative allocation made to Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE : I would like to know, as the Minister has said that in the present allocation there will be no change, in case Maharashtra wants to use the Krishna waters to a greater extent whether there will be any hindrance in her doing so because of the Nagarjunasagar Dam.

DR. K. L. RAO : We only go by the tentative allocation made by the hon. Ibrahim Sahib when a statement was laid on the 24th April, 1963 on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. According to that there is plenty of water still available for Maharashtra.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE : I would like to know the quantity of water that will go over to Bezvada after the dam stage II is completed.

DR. K. L. RAO : We are not in a position now. We have only sanctioned stage I which involves utilisation of 264 T.M.C.

श्री बाहेबा साहेब साबनेकर : क्या मैं यह जान सकूंगा कि इस नागार्जुनसागर प्रोजेक्ट के बारे में महाराष्ट्र सरकार से भी बातचीत हो रही है; अगर हो रही है तो वह किस स्टेज पर है ?

DR. K. L. RAO : Yes, Sir, There is some discussion going on with the Chief Minister of the Maharashtra State.

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: The Food Minister in his recent survey stated that the food-grains shortage in India is¹ about 14 million to 15 million tonnes. It has been claimed and repeatedly asserted by the Planning authorities and the Government of Andhra Pradesh that if Nagarjunasagar Dam is commissioned early, we will be able to produce so much rice that the entire rice deficit

India can be wiped out. The Finance Minister is here. The Planning Minister is here. Will the Central Government make a special grant so that the work of the project - completed as early as possible ?

DR. K. L. RAO : The shortage of rice in Karnataka in a normal year, not in an abnormal year, is about half a million tonnes and we expect that the Nagarjunasagar project will be able to supply this amount of rice.

SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR : May I ask now whether the Central Government have received any complaint from the State Government that adequate funds have not been allotted to the Nagarjunasagar project and also where the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh is not trying to bargain by withholding their surplus stock ?

DR. K. L. RAO : It is true that the project has been dragging on for eleven years, though sanctioned in 1955. We are trying to get utilisation only this year and that also partially. It is all because we wanted a certain amount of funds to be allotted. With regard to the second part of the question, I am sorry I will not be able to answer that.

SHRI D. THENGARI : When was it originally proposed to complete this dam ? If there is delay, what are the reasons ?

DR. K. L. RAO : The reason for this delay is that we were not able to allocate sufficient amount of finance year after year.

SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE : Will the Government take into consideration the demand from Maharashtra before finalising the second stage ?

DR. K. L. RAO : Quite so. We will keep that in view.

SHRIMATI C. AMMANNA RAJA: May I know when the second stage is being taken up at all, and if adequate funds were available, when would it have been finished ?

DR. K. L. RAO : The second stage will be taken up naturally or will be considered after the first stage is completed, and for completing the first stage another amount of Rs. 41 crores to Rs. 50 crores has to be spent.

SHRI AKBAR AU KHAN : I am sorry that from what I could gather, the Minister is not replying directly to the question. In view of the food shortage, the Food Minister and everybody concerned and he also, all have admitted that the production of rice through the Nagarjunasagar project will wipe away the deficit. What amount are you allocating so that this project may be completed at its earliest ?

Du. K. L. RAO : It is obvious, as I said, that this project requires another Rs. 40 crores to Rs. 50 crores for completion, and the earlier the Government is able to allocate it the earlier it will be finished.

C. G. H. S. AYURVEDIC DISPENSARY

*296. PROF. SATYAVRATA SIDDHANTALANKAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state the number of out-patients who availed of the services provided in C.G.H.S. Ayurvedic Dispensary in Gole Market, New Delhi from January to December, 1965?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : During the period January to December 1965, there were 18,091 new patients and 49,290 old patients who visited the C.G. H.S. Ayurvedic Dispensary in Gole Market, New Delhi.

प्रो० सत्यव्रत सिद्धांतलंकार : इस संख्या के अनुसार 18 हजार, रोगी वहाँ पर आते हैं, इसका अर्थ यह हुआ कि वहाँ पर प्रति दिन