

brought to his notice on the spot. He also travels on board unberthed passenger ships and brings to the notice of Deck Passenger Welfare Committee any complaints or grievances of passengers.

SHRI B. V. (MAMA) WARERKAR: May I know, Sir, whether there was any institution which was looking after the interests of the passengers, and whether it is functioning now?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Sir, so far as I know, for the first time a Deck Passengers Committee, to go into this question, was appointed as early as in 1950. It was in pursuance of the report of that Committee that a Deck Passenger Welfare Committee was constituted in Bombay in 1954.

ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS FOR NAGARJUNASAGAR PROJECT

***510. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allotment of funds for the Nagarjunasagar Project during the Second Five Year Plan has now been reduced;

(b) if so, on what grounds; and

(c) whether foreign exchange difficulty has affected in any way the digging of canals on the right and left banks under the Nagarjunasagar Project?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) To some extent. In view of the present difficult foreign exchange position, release of foreign exchange has been restricted to most essential items of machinery and spare parts required for the operation of existing machines, which have been obtained largely from other Projects.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Am I to understand that the original pro-

gramme for the construction of the Nagarjunasagar project is going on as per schedule?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: It is still going on as per schedule.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Does this foreign exchange difficulty come in the way of this original programme, and if so, in which aspects of the project?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: We are hoping that the foreign exchange difficulty will not come in the way of the Nagarjunasagar project.

***511. [The questioner (Shri Mahesh Saran) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2985 infra.]**

रूस से बिजली के ट्रांसफॉर्मर्स

***५१२. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :** क्या सिचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार सोवियत समाजवादी गणराज्य संघ से बिजली के कुछ ट्रांसफॉर्मर्स मंगा रही है ; यदि हां, तो :—

(क) कितने ट्रांसफॉर्मर्स मंगा रही है ;

(ख) ये ट्रांसफॉर्मर्स कितनी शक्ति के हैं और उनके कब तक आ जाने की आशा है ; और

(ग) इन ट्रांसफॉर्मर्स की क्या कीमत दी जायेगी और वह किस प्रकार चुकाई जायेगी ?

†[POWER TRANSFORMERS FROM U.S.S.R.]

***512. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state whether Government are ordering some power transformers from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; if so,

(a) the number of transformers ordered;

†[] English translation.