

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I do not quite see how India can take any step apart, of course, from expressions of opinion on the diplomatic level or functioning in the U.N. There is no other step that a country can take about the happenings in another country, but it is obvious that everyone in this country, whatever party or group he may belong to, must view the recent events there in Morocco and Algeria with the greatest concern.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Is it a fact that India was also a party to the negotiations going on in New York that the North Africa issue should not be taken up in the Security Council but in the U.N. Assembly?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I do not quite understand to what negotiations the hon. Lady Member refers. There were two sets of opinions; one whether any attempt should be made to put it forward before the Security Council, and the other set of opinions was that it was better to take it up to the General Assembly. India was naturally there in these discussions in the Asian-African Group.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Is it not a fact that the strength of the Asian-African Group in the United Nations General Assembly is such that it would be better to take it up with the General Assembly rather than with the Security Council?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is an opinion.

NAGARJUNA SAGAR SCHEME

*287. **SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO:** Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the Nagarjuna Sagar Scheme;

(b) if so, when its construction work started; and

(c) when it will be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) It has been decided to include Stage I of the Nagarjuna sagar Scheme in the first Five Year Plan. Formal sanction of the Government of India for the execution of the scheme has, however, not yet been given.

(b) Preliminary items of work like approach road, provision of construction power etc. are in hand. The programme of construction of the Dam and the canals will be prepared by the Control Board which has been set up to be in overall charge of the Project.

(c) The First Stage of the Project is expected to be completed in 7 years.

SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO: As the preliminary work has already been started, will the Chief Engineer be appointed or will the history of D.V.C. be repeated?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Preliminary items of work are started by the Chief Engineers of each State. Common works have not yet begun.

PROF. G. RANGA: Why is it, Sir, that formal sanction has not yet been accorded to it?

SHRI J. S. HATHI: Because the programme for the common works has to be submitted by the Control Board which has only recently been appointed. They will submit the common programme regarding the phasing of the project etc. and then the sanction will be issued.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is there any truth in the report that the Planning Commission or the Central Government had suggested the name of a Chief Engineer hailing from outside the former Madras State as well as outside Hyderabad and Andhra and that the Hyderabad and the Andhra States did not agree to that proposal?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It was not actually a question of the Central Government suggesting names; some

names were recommended but I am not quite sure what actually they were.

PROF. G. RANGA: Among the names that were recommended from the Centre were there any engineers with adequate experience and seniority hailing from the South also?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes, at one time we suggested the name of Mr. Iyengar, Chief Engineer, Hirakud, but subsequently we thought that for the period that Hirakud was going on, he should be at Hirakud.

PROF. G. RANGA: Are we to understand that the Union Government have found that no other engineer either from Hyderabad or from Andhra or Tamil Nad with adequate experience and qualification could be suggested?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: No, it was not so. When the Government asked for names these were the names given. If they can find out a suitable man, the Central Government will have no objection.

*288. [The Questioner (Shrimati Violet Alva) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1737 infra.]

TRAINING IN COTTAGE MATCH INDUSTRY

*289. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) what facilities are being provided to candidates who want to receive training in cottage match industry; and

(b) how many co-operative societies and other institutions have so far been recognised for the purpose of receiving aid as cottage match manufacturing units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA):

(a) In addition to free tuition, trainees are given stipends, travelling expenses etc.

(b) Financial assistance has so far been provided to four institutions located at Bombay, Hyderabad, Rajkot and Kasturbagram (Indore) for starting 76 'D' Class factories out of which 7 have already commenced production.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know what aid is proposed to be given to these units that have been started or are about to be started?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: A loan of about Rs 1,500/- has been given to each cottage match factory. Besides that training facilities have been provided and workers' parties are taken to the factories to see how work is done.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know how many existing factories there are where such training is being given?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The training is mainly concentrated at present at Khadi Pratistan, Sodepur, near Calcutta but after more factories have been started, training will be given at some of these factories also.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know what minimum qualifications are required for the candidates to join this training at Sodepur?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I cannot say off-hand but I know that stipends have been given to 60 Science Graduates and 60 under-Graduates. There might be others.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know whether there is any co-ordination in this matter with the Rehabilitation Ministry so as to provide facilities for training to the refugees who want to take up this work?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: There is nothing to prevent refugees from taking up this training at Khadi Pratistan, Sodepur.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: It is not a question of prevention. I want to