

DR. P. C. MITRA: Is the Indian soil unfit to produce the Jaffna variety of tobacco?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The Jaffna variety itself has not yet been produced in India but similar varieties are being produced.

DR. P. C. MITRA: I want to know if the Indian soil is fit for producing the Jaffna variety?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I can find out.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know whether the Government is prepared to make researches about the type of soil required for growing the Jaffna variety of tobacco?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I know that researches are being done, but for that the hon. Member may refer to the Agriculture Ministry.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Is the Indian soil fit for producing it or not?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am not able to say that. As I said before, I can find out.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know the quantity of bidis that are exported to countries other than Ceylon?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I would like to have notice for that.

HONNEMARADU HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

*287. SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Mysore recommended to the Central Government the taking up of the Honnemaradu Hydro-electric Project in Mysore State and also asked for Central financial aid;

(b) whether an estimate for the Project has been prepared;

(c) when Government propose to take up the work; and

(d) what is the quantity of electricity estimated to be generated after the work is completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) Yes.

(b) Only a very preliminary estimate has been prepared.

(c) After the further detailed investigation have been completed, the scheme will have to be examined on merits against other alternative schemes, before the final decision can be made.

(d) 340,000 k.w.s. installed capacity in the ultimate stage.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know the alternative scheme suggested by the Central Ministry?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The alternative scheme suggested is the Manakundur Project.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Does the new scheme generate the same amount of power as the Honnemaradu Project?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It would not generate the same amount. It would generate 100,000 k.w.s., while the old scheme was likely to generate 1,70,000 k.w.s.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Is it proposed to include the scheme in the Five Year Plan?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It is not included.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know the area likely to be submerged by the scheme?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The suggestion has been made by the Central

Water and Power Commission to investigate this scheme. It is not possible for me just now to say how much area will be submerged by this.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: When did they ask for the revision of the plan?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: October last.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Have they received any reply to it?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: No, Sir.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Have any reminders been sent?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: From the preliminary survey, is not the Government satisfied that it is a desirable project to take up?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: In the preliminary survey, no detailed investigations were made. Even rock borings on the site were not made.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Does not the Government think it desirable to have a proper survey made?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That survey was carried out by the State Government and therefore it was the Commission that sent recommendations that further investigation should be made on these lines.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: What is the reason for the hon. Minister saying that at present there is no intention of including it in the Five Year Plan?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I said that it was not included in the Plan.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Has the Planning Commission considered the alternative scheme recently?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Not yet, Sir. Not until investigations are completed.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it a fact that this scheme costs Rs. 10 crores?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It is a preliminary estimate.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: When does the Government propose to have it established?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It cannot be taken up unless we receive the results of the investigations.

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Sir, Question No. 288 is transferred to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, we have accepted it.

PRODUCTION IN U.P. CEMENT FACTORY AND BIHAR SUPERPHOSPHATE FACTORY

*288. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state when the U.P. Government Cement Factory and Bihar Government Superphosphate Factory will go into production?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): According to present indication, the U.P. Government Cement Factory is expected to go into production by July 1954 and the Bihar Government Superphosphate Factory by the end of 1954.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Is it a fact that in the programmes of industrial development 1951-1956 at page 7 it was stated that these works were going into production in 1953-54?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes. There has been some delay about the execution.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: May I know the reason?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The civil engineering work of the project was started from the middle of 1951.