

ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

*360. SHRI B. M. GUPTE: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the sum allotted to each of the five additional projects referred to at page 75 of the First Five Year Plan from the lump provision of 40 crores of rupees for all of them for the Plan period; and

(b) out of the sum so allotted to the Koyna Project, how much would be available for expenditure in the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) No such allotment has been so far made.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI B. M. GUPTE: When is it expected to make the allotment?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I cannot say, Sir, definitely as to when the allotment will be made as that will depend upon the States concerned.

SHRI B. M. GUPTE: Is the Government aware that the Bombay Government, in its current budget, has included Rs. 129 lakhs for the Koyna Project on the assumption that the Centre will advance that sum?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Negotiations between the Centre and the Bombay Government are going on in this respect and a conference is to be held shortly between the representatives of Bombay Government and the Planning Commission to decide as to how this fund could be allotted.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR: May I know whether the survey of Koyna Project is completed in its final form?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I think it is completed.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR: When is the working of the Koyna Project likely to start?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That will depend upon the decision about the allotment of funds.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR: May I know whether a loan application has been received from Bombay by the Centre for financing the project?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes, Sir, it has been received.

PROF. G. RANGA: Sir, is this project included in the Five Year Plan and is it intended to take up the work in right earnest?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes, it is included in the Plan and it is intended that it should be taken up during the Plan period.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know at what stage the Chambal scheme is?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Work has begun on the Gandhi Sagar Dam.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if the Government proposes to make any allotment from the Central Fund?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: For this year, both the Madhya Bharat and the Rajasthan Governments are going to bear the expenses from the State revenues.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Is any discussion on this being carried on between the two Governments and the Central Government for assistance from the Centre?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: So far as allocation of water is concerned, the position is that agreement has been reached between the Madhya Bharat and Rajasthan Governments.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: I am asking about financial assistance.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: On that no decision has yet been reached.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Are any discussions going on about it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are any discussions going on? That is the question.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Between the States?

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Between the States and the Centre.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: So far as the allocation of funds or the responsibility of the two States and the Centre is concerned, a conference was held between the representatives of the two Governments and the Planning Commission. A certain survey has been made as to how much area would be irrigated in Rajasthan and how much in Madhya Bharat and the question of fixing the share of the financial burden can be decided only after this matter has been decided.

SHRI B. RATH: Sir, how long will this Koyna Project take for completion if it is to be completed?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: About five or six years.

SHRI B. RATH: When will this project start working, if at all?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: As I said, after the question of finance is discussed and decided.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: Is it a power project or an irrigation project or a combined project?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It is a power project.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR: May I know whether there is any possibility of the Koyna Project being abandoned in favour of other irrigation projects in Bombay?

(No reply.)

PROF. G. RANGA: This is not an irrigation project.

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF SALT

*361. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased state:

(a) what is the output of rock salt in India; and

(b) whether India is exporting this commodity to outside countries, and if so, (i) to which countries and (ii) of what value?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) 1,63,000 maunds in 1952.

(b) No. (i) and (ii) do not arise.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: From what mines is rock salt extracted?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: There is only one rock salt mine in India at present and that is in Mandi in Himachal Pradesh.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: This rock salt was extracted from Mandi?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Yes.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: From what day is that mine working?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Notice please.

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: Is not India importing rock salt from Pakistan?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: No, Sir.

PROF. G. RANGA: All right, they refuse.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: Is the production of rock salt in India sufficient to meet the internal demand in India?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Well, that is a hypothetical question, Sir. At present we are not importing rock salt though there is a certain amount of demand for this and that is why we have taken up the proposal of mining rock salt on a larger scale, and work on that project is going on.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Are we self-sufficient in salt?