

quotas were released for export from various parts. I find from Madras 245,000 cwts. were allowed. It does not appear to be true that at a particular period it was banned but during a particular time this was the quota.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Would the Government, in issuing the export permits, keep in mind the fact that onion is an important food factor and that the consumers' interest is kept in view while issuing the export permits?

SHRI D. P. KARMAKAR: Government are aware that onion does form an important part of the diet of certain people and we take that into consideration.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that Mysore exports onions outside Mysore and that the Madras export of 245,000 cwts. also include Mysore's exports? That is the case, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If that is the case, why ask?

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The answer was 'nil'.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mysore is merged in Madras.

#### ALL-INDIA MAP SHOWING WATER TABLE

\*550. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempts have been made to prepare an All-India map showing the Water Table in India;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to undertake such work hereafter; and

(c) whether the information in respect of mapping the Water Table of the country will be collected from the United States of America, Japan and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics?

THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Have the Government undertaken the sinking of a series of tube-wells. May I know on what basis they have undertaken if they have not assessed the water table?

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA: The question related to an All India Map. Surveys have been made in the different areas and there is material for that purpose.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Are Government making serious efforts to map the water table? Do they consider it necessary or not necessary?

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA: Consideration of this matter is in progress.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is in progress.

#### SELECTION OF PROJECT AREAS

\*551. SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state the basis on which the fifty-five project areas have been selected, i.e., whether the selection is based on the site or on the necessity of the State?

THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA): Selection of projects was made by the Central Committee on a consideration of the proposals received from State Government. In making their proposals State Governments have taken into account the suitability of the area, chiefly for increased agricultural production, the ability of the State Government to meet its share of expenditure, and the character of the development needs and programmes of a State. Due regard has also been given to the needs of backward areas, scheduled tribes, as well as, in States like West Bengal