

SHRI J. R. KAPOOR : Are any social workers functioning in Pakistan to recover abducted women from India and if so are such social workers permitted to work in what was formerly called the closed area in Pakistan ?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : I cannot immediately reply to the last part of the question about the particular area. But there are and there have been a number of social workers in Pakistan who have done extraordinarily good work in this connection.

SHRI H. D. RAJAH: If any abducted woman is allowed to remain with the abductor, does it not mean that recognition is given to abduction ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 34-

BHADRA PROJECT IN LAKKUVALLY IN MYSORE STATE

*34. SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION and POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether work on Bhadra project in Lakkuvally (Mysore State) has been started, and if so, what its estimated cost is ;

(b) the area which it is intended to irrigate after it is completed ; and

(c) whether Government have helped this project either by way of loan or by outright grants ?

The MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA): (a) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 20 crores.

(b) The project, on completion, is expected to irrigate 1,80,000 acres of land.

(c) Yes, Sir, by way of loan.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY : Is this project included in the programme of the Five Year Plan ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA Yes, Sir.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY : What is the total amount that they are prepared to put forward for this Project, Sir ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : Sir, in the Plan a certain amount of Central assistance has been provided for the various States. The Mysore Government is going to have about 8 crores out of this money allotted for various projects.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY : I want to know what is the definite amount you are going to allow for this project which is a very huge one amounting 20 crores of rupees ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : Sir, this project is being carried out by the State and therefore the question does not arise.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY : As a result of Financial integration of Mysore with the Central Government and the prohibition policy adopted by the Mysore Government, are the Government aware that they will not be able to complete this project for another 40 years to come ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : It is not possible yet to say whether they will be able to complete the Project. A technical committee was appointed by States to recommend what amount should be allocated for this purpose.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Have any outright grants been made apart from the loans ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : Rs. 18 lakhs were given in the year 1951-52-

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Is that apart from the loan, Sir ?³

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : That is also a part of the loan.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Has the Mysore Government applied for more : grants over and above the loans for this Project ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : No, Sir. No question of grants.

SHRI KRISHNA MOORTHY RAO: Have the Mysore Government made any request that this project may be taken over by the Centre to be run as sponsored by the Centre ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : Yes, Sir.

SHRI KRISHNA MOORTHY RAO: What is the attitude of the Central Government ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : It is not prepared to accede to that request.

SHRI KRISHNA MOORTHY RAO: Is it a fact that the Government will take 40 years to complete this Project ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : It depends upon what the next Five Year Plan will provide.

SHRI KRISHNA MOORTHY RAO: Is it not a fact that the major portion of the area that is to be brought under cultivation will come under cultivation only at the third stage where 122 thousand acres will be brought under cultivation ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : We are only aware of the first stage which will have about 22 thousand acres.

SHRI KRISHNA MOORTHY RAO: Will the Government re-examine the whole Project and help the Mysore Government to finish it as early as possible ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : It is a matter for the State to consider.

SHRI B. RATH : Will the Central Exchequer bear the cost of these Projects ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA: The Central Government has got before it numerous other projects also. It has to weigh the relative merits of each Project.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Is there any other project, Sir, which is being initiated by the Central Government in Mysore ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : No Sir. Not as Centrally sponsored.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Is it likely that in future there may be a project initiated by the Central Government there ?

SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA : I am not sure.

COIR INDUSTRY

*35. SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a special officer has been deputed to investigate into the affairs of the coir industry in Travancore-Cochin ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether he has been authorised to investigate into the coir industry of the Malabar District also, if not, do the Government propose to invest him with such authority ; and

(c) whether the Government have received any deputation from Malabar on the subject ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T.T. KRISHNAMACHARI) : (a) Yes, an officer was deputed to Travancore-Cochin to study the coir industry on the spot in consultation with the State Government.

(b) No, Sir, there was no express direction to the officer to visit Malabar.

(c) No, Sir, no deputation as such waited on the Ministry. But the matter was mentioned by some hon. Members of Parliament.

PROF. G. RANGA : Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that a coir industry exists on the east coast also where thousands of people are employed and they also, need some protection from Government ?