administration, in earthquakes, in floods, or in some other emergency. Armed Forces are not meant for the internal security purposes at all. So, there can be no correlation, direct or indirect, with the population.

*212. [*The questioners (ShrimatiBimba Raikar andShri NandiYellaiah) were absent. For answer vide pages* 51 -52 *infra.]*

*213. *[The questioner (Dr. C. Narayana Reddy) was absent. For answer vide pages* 52-53 *infra.]*

Foreign investment in hydro-based electricity projects in J&K

*214. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for promoting foreign investment in hydro-based electricity projects in Jammu and Kashmir to tide over the power crisis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present involving foreign investment in specific hydro-based electricity projects in Jammu and Kashmir. However, Government of Jammu and Kashmir has informed that two Hydro-electric projects in the State sector namely; Bageihar Stage-1 (450 MW) and Sawalkote (600 MW) have been contracted for execution where foreign borrowings are involved.

SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal for promoting foreign investment in hydro-based electricity projects in Jammu & Kashmir, to tide over the power crisis in the State. When power projects in the States like Maharashtra, Orissa, Bihar and Haryana are being funded, why not include Jammu & Kashmir, which is facing power crisis? Also, the State of Jammu & Kashmir is facing a crisis due to militancy. Hence, priority for Jammu & Kashmir should be given.

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : सभापति जी, जो मूल प्रश्न हैं उसमें यह पूछा गया है कि जल विद्युत परियोजना में विदेशी निवेश को बढ़ावा देने का कोई प्रस्ताव है?उत्तर में हमने यह स्पष्ट किया है कि आज इस प्रकार का कोई भी प्रस्ताव हाइड्रो पावर का जम्मू और कश्मीर के लिए नहीं है। इसका

अर्थ यह नहीं है कि भविष्य में कोई प्रस्ताव न हो । अगर कोई प्रस्ताव इस प्रकार का राज्य सरकार से आता है तो निश्चित रूप में उस पर ध्यान दिया जा सकता है।

श्री सभापति : सेकेण्ड सप्लीमेंटरी यह हो सकता है कि क्यों नहीं है? ...(**व्यवधान**)...

DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH: Sir, in my Government's span, seven projects were handed over to the Central Government on the basis of BOOT. What is the present status of those projects, which were handed over to the Centre?Secondly, there is a project that the Government is running in which the Norwegian Government has been very much involved, called the Sawalkote Project. I believe that the Government of Jammu & Kashmir is not in a position to run that project. Is there a possibility of Government of India helping the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in taking up that project, so that 1000 megawatts of power can be produced? This will be of great use, not only to Jammu & Kashmir, but also to the Northern grid, which is vital for us. You are talking of computerisation, Sir; how will those computers work when there is no power?

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : सभापति जी, माननीय सदस्य ने जो यहां पर सात प्रोजेक्ट का संदर्भ दिया है, जिनको एनएचपीसी को हस्तांतरित किया गया है, वे भारत प्रोजेक्ट हैं ओसेवा टू ओरी टू पकलदुला, गुरसर, निमोबजगो, चूतक, और किशनगंगा । ये सात प्रोजेक्ट एनएचपीसी को राज्य सरकार की ओर से हस्तांतरित किए गए हैं। ये सारे प्रस्ताव एनएचपीसी के विचाराधीन भी हैं, कुछ प्रस्ताव हैं जिनके संबंध में कार्रवाई शुरू हुई है। इन सारे प्रोजेक्ट को पूरा करने के लिए अलग अलग समय लगेगा । किसी में पांच साल लगेंगे, किसी में छह साल लगेंगे, किसी में आठ साल लगेंगे, लेकिन इन सारे प्रस्तावों पर एनएचपीसी के द्वारा निश्चित रूप में विचार शुरू है ।

SHRIGHULAM NABIAZAD: What is the fate of this particular project which Dr. Farooq Abdullah has mentioned?

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : सर,

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him complete his answer. .

DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH: सर, मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि प्रोग्रेस जीरो है on those seven projects जीरो प्रोग्राम और हमने वे कई साल पहले इनको दिए हैं ।....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : जी, वे समझ गए हैं और उन पर विचार कर रहे हैं।

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते : सर, जुलाई, 2000 में दिए है ।

**215. [The questioner (Shri Harish Rawat) was absent. For answer vide pages 53-54 infra.]*