

pansion. On that basis, we require about 20 vessels yet, which I think we shall be getting either by second-hand purchase or by new construction.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Instead of offering facilities for construction of ships here, may I know whether it is a fact that the Indian shipping companies are being asked to acquire over-aged second-hand vessels and the National Shipping Board has protested against this?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We have encouraged them to do so, because obviously we have got to meet the demand but not try overaged vessels. We would like to avoid foreign exchange expenditure on chartering foreign vessels on time charter or trip charter basis. Hence the need for the acquisition of fresh tonnage.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** अभी माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि उनको और जहाजों की आवश्यकता होगी। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि बम्बई और कलकत्ता के जो ये दोनों यार्ड हैं उनमें एक साल में कितने जहाज बनाने की क्षमता है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** इस बारे में गलत इम्प्रेसन न हो जाए इसलिए मैंने कहा कि इसका अनुमान लगाया जा सकता है क्योंकि यह आवश्यकता इस बात पर निर्भर करेगी कि हमको कितना कारगो मिलता है। अगर ज्यादा कारगो, कोयला आदि, मिलेगा तो हमको ज्यादा जहाजों की आवश्यकता होगी।

रहा यह सवाल कि कितने जहाज बना सकते हैं, तो मैंने कहा कि गार्डन रीच और मेज्जोन डाक्स में थर्ड प्लान में कुछ क्षमता है। कुल कितन बनाये जा सकते हैं यह तो उन डाक्स के विकास पर निर्भर करेगा।

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know whether it is a fact that the coastal vessel-building programme is not proceeding according to the schedule, as laid down in the Plan?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The question is not at all clear. As I said, the shipping tonnage would increase directly in proportion to the demand and as the demand increases, we find that the shipping companies are coming forward with proposals for addition of tonnage on the coastal trade.

#### Srisailam Hydro-Electric Project

\*554. **Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether permission to start the construction of Srisailam Hydro-electric project has been given to the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that power produced by this project will be the cheapest in the country; and

(c) whether this project when completed will solve the acute power shortage prevailing in Andhra Pradesh?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. A. Mehdi):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) This will be known only after the Project report has been prepared.

(c) Yes Sir; it will help in removing power shortage to a considerable extent.

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** May I know whether the State Government has represented that there will be serious constructional difficulties with regard to the foundation of Srisailam project once the Nagarjunasagar dam is built to its full capacity and if so, does the Government propose to expedite the sanction of this scheme?

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** As I just said, the project report from the Andhra Government has not yet been received.

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** May I know whether it is a fact that the State Government has been advised by this Government to split up the Srisailam hydro-electric project submitted a long time back into two parts,

one covering the Srisaillam portion and the other the Nagarjunasagar portion, even though it was clearly pointed out that it was technically not feasible and financially unsound to separate the combination of the main and tail and water schemes?

**Mr. Speaker:** I would not allow written supplementaries to be read out.

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** The Andhra Government has not given the two projects together. Now it has been decided that since they are two separate projects, they will be taken up separately. The report of the Nagarjunasagar project has been received but the State Government has not yet sent the report of the second project.

**Shri Heda:** Is it not a fact that this project is to provide electricity at the cheapest rate in Andhra Pradesh and it has to be taken up before the waters in the Nagarjunasagar Reservoir make it impossible for the construction of this dam?

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** It is expected that the power will be cheap. But, as I said, unless we receive the full project report, it will be very difficult to say now what will be the actual condition.

**Shri Kashi Ram Gupta:** May I know what is the expected generating capacity of this project?

**Mr. Speaker:** Still, no project is there.

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** Does he mean the proposed project?

**Shri Kashi Ram Gupta:** Yes.

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** The expected generating capacity of this project would be....

**An Hon. Member:** Ask for notice.

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** I have got it here

**Mr. Speaker:** The answer is not yet ready—the hon. Member there.

**Shri Kashi Ram Gupta:** He is giving it.

**Mr. Speaker:** I cannot spend so much time on it. If the answer is not ready, he will furnish the information afterwards.

**Shri Eswara Reddy:** Pending the dispute about Krishna River waters, may I know whether the Government has sanctioned some projects in some other States on the same river, Krishna?

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** That is not the case.

**Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:** May I know whether the views of the Maharashtra State Government have been ascertained on the issue of water allocation for this particular project?

**Mr. Speaker:** Still there is no project. Let that be seen afterwards.

#### Dhuvaran Power House in Gujarat

\*556. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government have asked the Central Government for extension of the Dhuvaran Power House by 250 M.W.;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of this expansion programme; and

(c) whether this has been included in the Third Five Year Plan?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. A. Mehdi):** (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) About Rs. 25.0 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

**Shri P. K. Deo:** May I know whether this project will be able to meet the deficit in the demand for power not only in Gujarat but also in the adjoining areas?

**Shri S. A. Mehdi:** It will meet considerably the deficit so far as the demand for power in Gujarat is concerned.

**Shri Narendrasingh Mahida:** When will this power house be ready?