

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, August 28, 1962/Bhadra 6,  
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Linking of Tapti and Godavari Rivers

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\*643. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
      { Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
      { Shri Bishwanath Roy:  
      { Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and  
Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the  
Union Government have finalised the  
draft programme for a coast to coast  
waterway by linking the Tapti and  
Godavari Rivers; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the  
programme and how far it will benefit  
the country?

The Minister of Shipping in the  
Ministry of Transport and Communica-  
tions (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No,  
Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I  
know whether there was any idea of  
this kind before, and if so, the reasons  
why it has been dropped?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As far back as  
1955, the Central Water and Power  
Commission prepared an outline plan  
of a possible master plan for inland  
navigation in which this particular  
idea also was incorporated, but that  
was in the nature of an idea. It had

to be investigated. Those investiga-  
tions also have to be carried on in  
two ways; firstly, technical investiga-  
tions have to be carried out to measure  
the availability of navigable water,  
and secondly investigation has to be  
made whether there is sufficient water  
for irrigation. Until and unless that  
is done, we cannot go ahead with the  
idea.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I  
know whether Government propose  
to explore other rivers for this coast-  
to-coast navigation?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as I am  
aware, the outline plan only referred  
to these two rivers, namely the  
Godavari and the Tapti through the  
Wardha river for coast-to-coast  
navigation.

Dr. K. L. Rao: May I know whether  
the navigation survey of the river  
Godavari from Hingan Ghat to the  
sea will be carried out, because it had  
been suggested by Sir Arthur Cotton  
and partly implemented also a hund-  
red years back?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as is  
known to us, hydrographic surveys of  
certain rivers including this one were  
recommended some years ago, as I  
said, by the CWPC, and these have  
been entrusted to the CWPC now who  
will undertake them with such means  
or resources as they have got.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: In view of the  
utility of the scheme, may I know  
whether Government would reconsider  
the scheme?

Shri Raj Bahadur: But we have got  
to take into account whether after the  
water has been drawn for irrigation  
purposes, there will be sufficient water  
left for navigation, and although the  
opinion has been expressed that when

dams are constructed on certain rivers, some longer stretches of these rivers might become navigable, it is on that basis that we entertain some hopes or expectations about this. I cannot exactly give any categorical answer to the question asked.

### Agricultural University, Mysore

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\*644. { **Dr. P. N. Khan:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.A. propose to give aid to Agricultural University, Mysore;

(b) if so, the total quantity of the aid; and

(c) whether the entire amount will be received at a time?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) No specific aid has been promised by the Government of U.S.A. to the University.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी:** मैसूर में जो कृषि विश्वविद्यालय बन रहा है वह उसी प्रकार का होगा जैसा कि रूद्रपुर में है या किसी अन्य प्रकार का और यदि अन्य प्रकार का है तो उस का विवरण क्या है?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय:** सवाल से माननीय सदस्य दूर चले गये। सवाल यह था कि यू० एस० ए० यह ग्रांट देगा या नहीं।

**श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी:** उसी प्रकार की एग्रीकलचरल युनिवर्सिटी बन रही है या दूसरे प्रकार की बन रही है क्यों कि एड न हो तो भी विश्वविद्यालय तो बनेगा ही?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय:** एड नहीं है तो इस सवाल से तो कोई सम्बन्ध होता नहीं है।

**श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी:** दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि यदि अमरीका से यह सहायता नहीं मिलेगी तो क्या भारत सरकार इसे अपने ही विश्व-विद्यालय जैसा बनायेगी या किस प्रकार का बनायेगी?

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह:** कृषि विश्व-विद्यालयों को खोलने की जो योजना है उस के अन्तर्गत ७ विश्वविद्यालय खोले जा रहे हैं आठवां रूद्रपुर पहले ही खुल चुका है। इन सारे विश्वविद्यालयों की एक तरह से योजना चल रही है। जो कमेटियां बनी थीं उन्होंने कुछ सुझाव दिये और उस के अन्तर्गत विधेयक तैयार हो रहे हैं और इस का भी विधेयक तैयार हो रहा है कि भारत सरकार नौन रैकरिंग ग्रांट में ७५ परसेंट और रैकरिंग ग्रांट में २५ प्रतिशत देगी।

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether there was any proposal to get some help from the USA for this university?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** There was no proposal, but if they offer any aid, I think that that can be examined.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र:** जैसा कि मंत्री महोदय ने अभी बतलाया कि सात कृषि विश्वविद्यालय देश में खोले जा रहे हैं और आठवां रूद्रपुर में पहले ही बन चुका है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि विभिन्न प्रदेशों में किस आधार पर यह विश्वविद्यालय बनाये जा रहे हैं? प्रदेशों की कृषि प्रधानता देखी जाती है या उस के लिए कोई और क्राइटेरियन है?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is too general a question.

**श्री कछवाय:** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि अभी देश में कितने कृषि विश्वविद्यालय हैं और तीसरी योजना में कितने और खोले जायेंगे और कहाँ कहाँ खोले जायेंगे?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a different question altogether.

**Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** May I know whether apart from the US Govern-