

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** They can be covered by our high altitude schemes. For Yak and other cattle we shall see that something is done there.

**Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:** May I know whether Government is content with opening only one high altitude agricultural farm in Ladakh? In view of the fact that in the Kargil area the same climatic conditions obtain, will Government consider opening a farm there?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Kargil area is a little more developed than Leh area, but we will certainly see that Kargil gets its share. Besides Kargil, we want to develop Nubra valley, as well.

श्री सरजू पाण्डेय: मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी जिलों में कहाँ इस प्रकार की योजना चालू करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह: अल्मोड़ा में डा० बोशी सेन की एक फार्म है, और मवेगियों की एक फार्म उत्तर प्रदेश के कालसी नामक स्थान में खोलने का विचार था जहाँ हम ज़रमी कटिल को विकसित करना चाहते थे। लेकिन उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने कहा कि हम खुद इस काम को चलावेंगे। उन्होंने यह इच्छा प्रकट की है कि यहाँ से केवल रुपये की इमदाद उन को दी जाय। इस पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

#### Purna Hydro-Electric Project

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\*654. { Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:  
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Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Development Association, an affiliate body of the World Bank, has extended a loan to construct the Purna Hydro-electric Project in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the quantum of loan assistance; and

(c) whether Government have asked for similar assistance for some other Hydro-electric projects in the country?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. A. Mehdi):** (a) and (b). The International Development Association has agreed to extend a loan of 13.00 million dollars for the Purna Project. The loan agreement was signed on the 18th July, 1962.

(c) Similar assistance was asked for and has been given for the Second Stage of the Koyno Hydro Electric Project. This agreement was signed on the 8th of August, 1962 for a loan of \$ 17.5 million.

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** May I know whether Government propose to seek similar assistance for some of the important hydro-electric projects such as the Sharavathy and Srisaillam projects?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** The Sharavathy project is already going on, and we have secured the necessary foreign assistance for it. The hon. Member is asking about the arrangement that we are going to have for the Srisaillam project....

**Mr. Speaker:** He is making a suggestion that some other help might be sought for other projects.

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** I was referring to the Srisaillam project, and asking whether any assistance was being sought for that project.

**Shri Alagesan:** When that project is finalised and approved it will be time to take up this question

श्री विभूति मिश्र: अभी मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया कि बर्ड बैंक से कर्ज लिया जा रहा है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि सूद की दर क्या है ?

They have taken a loan from the World Bank. I want to know the rate of interest.

**Shri Alagesan:** The IDA credits carry no rate of interest, but they carry service charge of 3/4 to 1 per cent. per annum and that is payable to the IDA in order to enable it to meet the administrative expenses. The principal itself is to be repaid in a period of fifty years.

श्री तुलसीदास जाधव : पूर्वा प्रोजेक्ट का काम कहां तक पहुंचा है और वह कब तक पूरा होगा ?

**Shri Alagesan:** It will be completed by March, 1966, that is, by the end of the Third Plan.

#### Soviet-Aided Thermal Plants in India

\*655. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the timely execution of four major Soviet-aided thermal power stations in the Third Plan has been ensured;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a proposal for sending Indian technicians to Moscow for training in the operation of the Plants; and

(c) if so, the number thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri O. V. Alagesan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A suggestion has been made by the Russian authorities to this effect.

(c) The number will be decided in due course according to the needs of each project.

**Shri Basumatari:** May I know whether it is a fact that the technical personnel who were sent abroad, especially to Russia, are not given the full training and they are kept in a water-tight compartment?

**Shri Alagesan:** It is not correct. In fact, they themselves suggested that we should send our personnel for

training in operation and maintenance.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Is it a fact that certain changes were made in the schedule of supply of these generating sets from Russia, and if so, may I know the particulars of those changes and the reasons which necessitated those changes?

**Shri Alagesan:** Formerly, there was a suggestion, or a question arose that the Russian authorities would not be able to supply these units in time for being commissioned by the end of the Third Plan. We had talks with them. Our people went to Moscow; the chairman of the CWPC went there and had talks; and the deputy vice-chairman of the State Committee of the Council of Ministers of the USSR for Foreign Economics Relations came here and we had talks with him, and it is now agreed that the units for the four thermal stations will be delivered in time so that we shall be able to commission all of them by the end of the Third Plan.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** May I know whether the terms and conditions of payment for these thermal plants will be on the same lines as for the Bhilai steel plants?

**Shri Alagesan:** I do not know the terms on which the Bhilai steel plant was supplied, but we are getting these plants under the USSR credit arrangement and under their trade agreement.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Keeping in view the power starvation which the eastern and southern districts of Budhel Khand of UP are facing today, may I know whether one of these four power plants will be established in that area?

**Shri Alagesan:** One of the power stations is the Singrauli thermal power station; it will consist of five units of 50 M.W. each.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** My question has not been answered.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member wants to know whether it would be