

other power plants that we have constructed in Punjab and also in Jammu and Kashmir?

Shri Alagesan: The idea is to have a grid connecting Punjab, Delhi, Rajasthan etc.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: What about Jammu and Kashmir?

Shri Alagesan: That is also in view.

Mr. Speaker: No Member from Punjab and Delhi was interested in this question. It is Members from other States who have put questions.

Beas Project

*199. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of U.S.A. and the World Bank have agreed to advance a substantial loan to India for the Beas Project; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of the loan, and what are the terms and conditions under which this amount is being advanced to us?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. A. Mehdi): (a) and (b). The Government of U.S.A. and the World Bank have indicated their willingness to participate in loans of \$33 million and \$23 million, respectively, to meet the foreign exchange requirements of the Beas Project. The negotiations for the terms and conditions for the loans are in progress.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will this loan cover the total foreign exchange requirement for the project?

Shri S. A. Mehdi: The total requirement in the Third Plan for this project is about Rs. 28 crores, and these loans would be expected to be something like Rs. 27 crores. For the balance, negotiations are going on.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: When this project is complete, may I know how much area it will irrigate and

also what will be its power generating capacity?

Shri S. A. Mehdi: That does not arise out of the question.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: It is for you to decide whether it arises out of the question.

Mr. Speaker: He has no information.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: He can say that.

Shri D. D. Puri: May I know if the Beas project is likely to be delayed on account of the present emergency?

Shri S. A. Mehdi: No, I do not think so.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Will this project be finalised during the Third Plan or will it be carried over to the Fourth Plan? If it is the latter, what part of it will be finalised during the Third Plan period?

Shri S. A. Mehdi: This project will be continued in the Fourth Five Year Plan. The Beas link and the canal will both be partly constructed in the Third Plan, and the rest will be done in the Fourth Plan period.

Thermal Power Stations near Coal Fields

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 { **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**
 { **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**
 { **Shri R. S. Pandey:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to set up thermal power stations near the Coal fields;

(b) if so, whether this plan will be implemented during the Third Plan period; and

(c) the number of such power projects to be located and the places where they are to be located?