

Shri Maniyangadan: Of the four licenses issued how many are from Kerala?

Shri Manubhai Shah: All excepting one are from Kerala.

Shri Warrior: May I know whether these applicants have asked for any foreign exchange for the import of machinery, and if so, how much?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is about a lakh and a half to two and a half lakhs.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: From the facts in the possession of Government, may I know whether Government is sure that these industries will come up within a reasonable period?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I hope, Sir, that within a year it will take place in all coir-producing States.

Shri Warrior: Is there any proposal from any of the applicants that they would meet the requirements of foreign exchange without depending on the Government of India?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is none; we would have been glad if they had said so.

Valapattanam Irrigation Scheme

*1124. **Shri A. V. Raghavan:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanction has been accorded to the Valapattanam Irrigation Scheme in Kerala; and

(b) if not, whether in view of the urgency of the scheme Government propose to expedite the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) Yes, Sir. The scheme has recently been accepted for inclusion in the Third Plan. The work on

the actual execution of the scheme would start after it has been technically examined in the Central Water and Power Commission and considered by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Power Projects and approved for implementation by the Planning Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri A. V. Raghavan: May I know when the actual work will be started?

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda): That will depend upon certain conditions being fulfilled. The technical merits of the scheme are being examined by the Technical Advisory Committee of the CWPC.

Shri M. K. Kumaran: May I know whether it is a fact that the irrigation and Power projects from Kerala intended to be started this year are being delayed due to want of sanction from the Centre, and if so, what is the reason for the delay?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: No, Sir; it is not so.

Shri Warrior: May I know whether the delay in the execution of the Valapattanam Scheme is causing large scale sea erosions in the coast-line of Kerala?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: Sea erosion is one of the matters for consideration in the whole Plan, it is under the consideration of the Planning Commission.

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*1125. } **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
 } **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**
 } **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
 } **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state: