

Shri Banga: Is anything being done to settle our landless people in those vast areas of government land found in the Tungabhadra basin under the Tungabhadra Project?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The Andhra Government have not got a scheme under Tungabhadra now; they have got other different schemes.

Nagarjunasagar Dam

*956. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made up to date with regard to construction of two hospitals on either banks of Nagarjunasagar Dam;

(b) when it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether the value of the equipment has been determined and the same purchased, and

(d) when the hospitals are likely to be opened for admission?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [Sec Appendix III, annexure No 31]

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The statement is a little confusing in that for the construction of the Right Bank Hospital tenders were called some time back but no tenders have been received, and yet they say that the Hospital will be ready by 1958. May I know whether Government considers executing the work by the State PWD or CPWD as tenders are not forthcoming?

Shri Hathi: That is exactly the idea.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: It is stated that the value of the equipment for the Hospital has been determined. What is the value?

Shri Hathi: Rs. 76,000/-.

Bombay Dock-Labour

*958. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what is the unloading capacity of dock-labour at present in Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that it falls far short of the estimated unloading capacity of the labour; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce automatic elevators for speedy handling of cargo in Bombay dock in near future?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Unloading capacity is dependent not only on labour output but also on various factors such as type of cargo, availability of cargo handling appliances, state of congestion or otherwise in the sheds weather conditions, etc. the average daily output in the Bombay port this year has been 16,000 tons. The maximum reached was 25,000 tons on 30th April, 1957.

(b) No Labour is doing quite well under the piece rate system.

(c) The port is equipped with mechanical handling appliances to the extent necessary in the present circumstances. Automatic elevators are useful only for bulk cargo like food grains. Two such units are located at the port. There has been opposition from labour to putting them to commission.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know what is the total amount of demurrage that has been paid by Government on a monthly average basis, and how much money has so far been paid?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We are anxious to collect these figures. These figures have to be collected from the Ministries of Food, Steel and Commerce and Industry, State Trading Corporation etc. We are straining all our nerves to get these figures. But I will not be in a position to give them for a few days. I will do so when they are collected.