

humidity and wind direction were found in Vraia, Katiara and Dixpala villages in the Police Station Armdanga, District 24 Parganas, between 20th and 22nd May, 1958.

Manpower for Major Projects

*963. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manpower Directorate has estimated the technical requirements for the major projects in the country; and

(b) if so, the technical staff requirements of each major project like Hirakud, Bhakra and Nagarjuna Konda Sagar?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No. Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Tungabhadra Dam Project

*969. **Shri Shivananjappa:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four more generating units will be taken up for installation at Tungabhadra Dam and Hampi shortly; and

(b) if so, whether these installations will be completed during the Second Plan period?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) In the Second stage of the Tungabhadra Project, 3 nos. 9,000 KW generating units will be installed—two units in the Dam Power House and one in the Hampi Power House. These 3 units along with one unit of 9,000 KW in the Hampi Power House, sanctioned for the first stage, which has not yet been ordered, will comprise a total of 4 more generating units for the Tungabhadra Power stations. The installation of these 4 sets will, however, take time.

(b) Since the Tungabhadra Project is not related to the production of coal or steel or to the augmentation of Power for Railway electrification,

this scheme, although included in the 2nd Plan, has not been included in the 'core'. Foreign exchange may not, therefore, be available for it. It is difficult to say at this stage whether the installation of above 4 additional generating units will be completed in the Second Plan period

Palar River Waters Dispute

*970. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1786 on the 23rd April, 1958 and state the latest position regarding Palar river waters dispute?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): The Government of Madras have intimated that they do not wish to pursue the matter further at this stage.

Railway Bridge at Mokameh

*971 { **Shri Anirudh Sinha:**
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps, if any, which are being taken to increase the line capacity on the North-Eastern Railway in anticipation of the increase in transshipment after opening of the Mokameh bridge?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): Yes, necessary works like provision of junction arrangements, doubling, remodelling of yards, etc. are being undertaken or are under consideration.

A statement giving details of works already in progress is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 40-A.]

Free Telegram Facility

*972. **Shri B. Das Gupta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the free telegram facility for passengers has been withdrawn on the Eastern Railway?