

friend brings it to our notice we will enquire.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I have the break-up of figures relating to rice supplied to UP in 1958 and 1959?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I have said that in 1958 we have supplied 510.9 thousand tons of foodgrains. In January we supplied 61.5 thousand tons and in February we supplied 79.8 thousands tons.

Shri Nagi Reddy: I am asking about rice?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The total quantity of rice supplied to UP is only 700 tons—600 tons in December and 100 tons in January. After all, rice is not required in UP especially at this period.

Shri Kamal Singh: Is it not a fact that large quantities of foodgrains are smuggled into UP, if so, may I know what steps Government propose to take to stop this smuggling especially from Shahabad district in Bihar?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We have received such reports, but every effort is being made to have adequate check posts in the border areas.

Irrigation Projects

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*1155. { **Shri Nagi Reddy:**
 Shri Ramam:

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

(a) the steps adopted to economise in the construction of irrigation projects without reducing the tempo of construction; and

(b) how far have those measures been successful in effecting economy?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) A statement giving the more important steps adopted to effect economy in the construction of irrigation projects is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix III, annexure No 103].

(b) It is not possible to make a precise assessment of the overall economy resulting from the various measures taken.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know whether it is a fact that quite a large number of projects which have been constructed have been held up because enough steel has not been supplied, and therefore there has been an overall expenditure increase in the administrative side of the projects?

Shri Hathi: That is why under item 9 of the statement we have said "Proper planning and detailed investigations prior to the commencement of execution of work" Proper planning has to be done about the requirements of the material.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know whether within these five years quite a number of projects in Andhra have been held up even after construction simply because there is not enough steel and even to this day the use of those projects has almost been nil, if so, may I know what steps are being taken in this connection?

Shri Hathi: In some cases it may be that the steel may not have been available due to shortage of steel. We have to depend upon foreign countries for steel. Steps are being taken to expedite the procurement of steel.

Korba and Birsinghpur Power Stations

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*1156. { **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**
 Shri Kistaiya:
 Shri Aurebindo Ghosal:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1078 on the 17th December, 1958 and state the progress made in regard to the proposal to implement the Korba Power Station Expansion and Birsinghpur Thermal Power Station schemes in Madhya Pradesh?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): The Birsinghpur Thermal Power Station Scheme has recently been approved by the Planning Commission for implementation during the Second Plan and the preliminary works of this project are in hand. Investigation for a suitable site for the location of the station is

in progress. As the interconnected operation of this scheme with Korba Power Station is likely to meet the demands of power in the region, the immediate necessity to proceed with the Korba Thermal Station Extension Scheme is not considered necessary.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Is it not a fact that the CPWC has approved of the Korba Extension Scheme and has recommended to the Government that it should be sanctioned and taken up during the Second Plan period?

Shri Hathi: I have stated the latest position, that as the other scheme, the Birsinghpur Thermal Power Station Scheme, has been now approved by the Planning Commission and foreign exchange is also being made available, it may not be necessary to go ahead with the Extension Scheme.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: I wanted to know whether the CPWC recommended to the Government that the Korba Extension Scheme should be taken up during the Second Plan period.

Shri Hathi. It was recommended, but before that another power scheme, the Birsinghpur Thermal Power Station Scheme, was thought of.

सेठ गोबिन्द दास क्या मंत्री जी का यह बात मालम है कि मध्य प्रदेश में नांगो को बिजली बहुत कम प्राप्त है और बिना बिजली के वहाँ पर न बड़े और न छोटे उद्योग चल सकते हैं ? ऐसी हालत में बीरसिंहपुर को जो योजना है वह और उमी के साथ कोई और योजना भी वहाँ पर चलाने के लिये कुछ सोचा जा रहा है ?

श्री हाथी जो कोरबा स्कीम की फर्स्ट स्टेज है उस से ६०००० किलोवाट बिजली पैदा होगी और बीरसिंहपुर की योजना में ६०००० किलोवाट बिजली पैदा होगी। यह १२० हजार किलोवाट बिजली हो गई। इस के अलावा शायद चम्बल से कुछ मिल सके।

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: What are the requirements of the region as assessed by the CPWC, and what is the power available in Eastern Madhya Pradesh?

Shri Hathi: I would require notice to give information regarding eastern Madhya Pradesh or any other particular region.

खाद्य का चोरी छिपे पाकिस्तान में ले जाना

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*११५७ { श्री भक्त वर्दान :
श्री नवल प्रजाकर :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बाडनेर में सैकड़ों मन खाद्य चोरी छिपे पाकिस्तान ले जाया जाता है और

(ख) यदि हा, तो सरकार इसे रोकने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

श्री भक्त वर्दान अगर बाडनेर से पाकिस्तान में भारतीय गल्ला जाने का समाचार नहीं मिला है तो क्या पाकिस्तान को किसी और सीमा से इस प्रकार का समाचार मिला है कि भारत में बहुत सा गल्ला बाहर जा रहा है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री प्र० प्र० जैन) हम को ऐसा समाचार नहीं मिला है।

सेठ गोबिन्द दास क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बात कह सकते हैं कि भारतवर्ष की किसी सीमा से भी पाकिस्तान में गैर कानूनी तौर से अनाज नहीं जा रहा है ?

श्री प्र० प्र० जैन जब बड़ी लम्बी चौड़ी सीमा होता है तो इस बात को कोई