

Hon. Hon. Members: Unsatisfactory answer.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Could we ask some more supplementary questions, Sir?

Mr. Speaker: Nothing more.

Ukai Project

*42. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Valvi:
Shri Khimji:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1334-A on the 10th September, 1959 and state:

(a) the nature of decision arrived at by Government on the Report of the Experts regarding Ukai Project; and

(b) whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The Government of India accepted the recommendations of the Committee of Experts, which in substance, are as follows:

(1) Out of a total quantity of 9.18 m.a.ft. available in a design year, 6.0 m.a.ft. be allocated for the basin above Ukai, and the remaining 3.18 m.a.ft. be given for use at Ukai and for the area below.

(2) The most economical size of the dam is for a full reservoir level of 345; and

(3) As worked out by the Committee, the estimates of cost stand at Rs. 51.57 crores for the development of an average of 1,20,000 KW of power annually and complete irrigation of the areas envisaged to the extent of about 3,91,850 acres.

Shri F. R. Patel: May I know whether the Ukai project was included in the First Five Year Plan and why so much time has been taken to finalise it?

Shri Hathi: Because it was being investigated and there were several technical points raised and they had to be clarified.

Shri Khimji: May I know whether the Government of Bombay have accepted the recommendations of the expert committee and if so what steps they have taken for the execution of the project, so far?

Shri Hathi: Those recommendations were conveyed to the Government of Bombay. They required further discussions. These discussions were held and ultimately they have requested the Planning Commission to give them the sanction to go ahead and the Government of India have given the sanction. They are now starting the project.

Shri Khimji: May I know whether there is truth in the report that the Finance Minister of the Government of India, on or about the 28th is laying the foundation stone of this project?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): It is true; on the 27th.

Shri Assar: May I know whether the Government is aware that complaints have been received by the Government opposing the Ukai project and what steps are being taken?

Shri Hathi: We have not received them here. It may be with the Bombay Government.

Shri Yajnik: May I know whether the height of the dam as was originally settled has been reduced as a result of the recommendations of the expert committee? Is it a fact that the number of kilowatts that was to be generated has also been reduced as a result of the expert committee's recommendation and if so, what is the reduction in the height of the dam and the number of kilowatts to be generated, and in the number of acres to be irrigated?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister may answer one of the questions.

Shri Hathi: The height of the dam has been reduced from 351 to 345 feet.

Shri Yajnik: Kilowatts?

Shri Hathi: As the Speaker asked me to answer one, I have answered one. In the power, there will not be much difference. It will be 120,000 KW.

Shri Yajnik: And the acreage? It is important for us to know the reduction in the acreage that would take place as a result of the recommendations.

Shri Hathi: The number of acres would not be much reduced. It is going to give perennial irrigation to the present area irrigated under the Kakrapara project.

Shri B. K. Galkwad: How many acres of fertile cultivable land will go under water if this Ukai dam is constructed?

Shri Hathi: I have not got these figures with me.

Shri K. U. Parmar: May I know whether it is a fact that machinery and equipment brought for the Ukai project were immediately transferred to the Koyna project? What are the reasons for that? May I know whether it is a fact that the Bombay Government, in order to do injustice to Gujarat, have shifted this equipment?

Mr. Speaker. Order, order.

Shri Hathi: I cannot vouchsafe for the various presumptions made. But, after all, the machinery in a State are meant for the various projects in the State itself. It is for the State to take them wherever they want. When it is surplus, it may again be brought back to the dam.

Shri Jadhav: What is the total estimated cost of the project? Lands from which districts will be irrigated?

Shri Hathi: Cost, I have stated, will be Rs. 61.57 crores.

Shri Goray: The Minister said that he does not know the exact acreage of cultivable land that may be sub-

merged. Does he know how many villages will have to be vacated?

Shri Hathi: I have not got that information with me.

Fourth All-India Conference of Warehousemen

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*48. { **Shri Goray:**
Shri Valvi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth All India Conference of Warehousemen was held at Poona on the 14th and 15th September, 1959; and

(b) if so, what decisions were taken by the said Conference?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, there was a conference of warehousemen at Poona which was also attended by representatives of the Reserve Bank and the State Bank, Managing Directors of several State Warehousing Corporations, Registrars of Cooperative Societies of several States and other senior officials.

(b) Mostly the difficulties and problems arising in the day-to-day working of the warehousing scheme in the different States were discussed at the conference. Certain general matters, such as, the way in which plans should be prepared by the different State Corporations and the Central Corporation for the Third Plan, the possibility of setting up a joint self-insurance scheme for all the Corporations and a common construction agency were also discussed. In the light of these discussions the different Corporations will now formulate their definite views.

Shri Goray: May I know how many warehouses are likely to be built during the next two years?

Shri A. M. Thomas: For the warehouses now existing, the total capacity would be 84,000 and odd tons. The total number of warehouses that are