

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I will go according to the list.

Godavari Valley Project

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*390. { **Shri H. C. Heda:**
Shri Rami Reddy:
Shri Sarju Pandey:

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

(a) when was Godavari Valley project sanctioned;

(b) when was the first phase of this project taken up and completed;

(c) when was the second phase to be taken up;

(d) the scope of the second phase and how it differs from proposed Pochampad project; and

(e) at what stage this project is?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The First stage of the Godavari North Canal project with pumping scheme had received the assent of the Government of Hyderabad on 22nd February, 1949.

(b) Work was started in 1949 on Kadam Dam and was completed in 1958. The dam, however, breached soon after completion. The work of rebuilding the dam is still in progress and is expected to be completed shortly.

(c) The Government of India are not aware of any programme for the second phase having been chalked out by the erstwhile Hyderabad State.

(d) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 84].

(e) The revised Pochampad project now designated as Godavari Canals (Pochampad) utilising 41 TMC ft. of waters has been received recently from the State Government and is under examination.

Shri Heda: May I know whether

the Pochampad project is only a modified form of the second phase of the Godavari Valley Project?

Shri Hathi: Now the Andhra Pradesh Government has informed the Government of India that this is the project which is known as the Godavari North Canal Project. This is a modified project.

Shri Heda: The project was called Godavari Valley and not North Canal Valley project and the only change made is that instead of a left canal, a right canal is being proposed.

Shri Hathi: The latest communication is that they have already named it as Godavari Canal (Pochampad) project.

Shri Rami Reddy: How long will it take for the Central Government to get the modified project report, examine it and take a final decision?

Shri Hathi: It shall be examined as quickly as possible.

New Railway lines in Third Plan

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*391. { **Shri Kodiyan:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Subbiah Ambalam:
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri N. M. Deb:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri Amar Singh Damar:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) which are the new Railway lines proposed to be constructed during the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the amount allocated for new lines during the Third Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether the Tellicherry-Coorg-Mysore line, the survey of which was over long ago, will be taken up during the Third Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Latest position is given in Chapter on Trans-

port and Communications of the Third Five Year Plan.

(b) The total estimated cost of Rs. 1,325 crores of the Railway Development Programme in the Third Five Year Plan includes Rs. 147 crores under new lines. The total estimated cost of the Railway Programme is more than the amount proposed to be allotted to the Railways.

(c) The proposal has not been approved for inclusion in the Third Five Year Plan.

Shri Kodiyan: Reports had appeared in the press that in view of the fact that the South has been neglected in the matter of taking up new railway lines, an additional allocation of Rs. 35 crores is likely to be made. May I know whether that particular allocation has been made for the South?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: As the hon. Member knows very well, a number of new railway lines in South India are under consideration of the Planning Commission.

Shri Tangamani: May I know how much out of this Rs. 147 crores allotted for the construction of new lines is set apart for the Southern Railway?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I shall require separate notice for that.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Guna-Maksi Line

*387. { **Shri Kunhan:**
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made upto the end of July, 1961 regarding the construction of Guna-Maksi Railway link;

(b) the amount spent to the end of July, 1961; and

(c) whether Government propose to accelerate the pace of construction in view of difficulties experienced in

the matter of transport of coal to western India?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Final Location Survey has been completed. Preparation of the Construction Estimate is in hand by the Railway. Construction of the line has not yet commenced.

(b) Nil.

(c) After the estimate is sanctioned the construction of the line will be carried out as expeditiously as possible, dependent on availability of resources.

Indigenous Oral Contraceptives

389. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to intensify the country-wide search for indigenous oral contraceptives;

(b) what drugs with defertilizing effect have been discovered so far; and

(c) what is the measure of such effect produced by each of these drugs?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A drug known as metaxylohydroquinone has been investigated at the All-India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health, Calcutta. It has been observed that the drug reduces pregnancy rate by about 50%. Its administration has not so far shown any ill effects on the volunteers on whom the trials have been conducted and no complaints of any untoward experience have been received.

Besides metaxylohydroquinone, a number of indigenous drugs reported to have anti-fertility effect have been investigated. The research on such drugs is being continued and the results are awaited.