

Mr. Speaker: He has already said that it is 1959.

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि प्रब प्रति व्यक्ति कितना पानी मिल रहा है ?

Shri Karmarkar: Somewhere between 35 to 37 gallons.

Hydro-electric Power from Hirakud Dam

*37. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of hydro-electric power generated at present from the Hirakud Dam Project in Orissa; and

(b) the quantity actually consumed at present, out of the power generated?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Only one Unit (No. III) of 24,000 Kw was commissioned on the 19th December, 1956. The total number of units generated by this unit upto the 30th April, 1957, was 1,41,66,500.

(b) (i) Units transmitted and consumed at various consuming centres: 1,40,69,390.

(ii) Units consumed by Power House auxiliaries and line losses: 97,110.

Shri Supakar: May I know by what time the whole load is likely to be utilised?

Shri S. K. Patil: So far as this is concerned, the whole load is utilised. If you are talking of the other power, that will be produced, it will be utilised by the end of this year.

Shri Supakar: May I know at what places are these power units being utilised?

Shri S. K. Patil: Power from Hirakud will feed various industrial plants and other consumers. There is quite a large number of them and it will take a long time to read them.

Shri Supakar: Is rural electrification one of the projects to benefit from Hirakud?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): The load survey that has been taken relates to the industrial concerns; but, naturally the State Government will have to prepare plans for rural electrification also.

Shri Mahanty: May I know what is the cost per unit of the electricity generated in Hirakud and how it compares with the electricity generated at Damodar and Bokaro?

Shri Hathi: The cost of electricity per unit, generated at Hirakud, is roughly '44 of an anna. I think at Damodar and at Bokaro it varies, where it is about '46 of an anna or so.

Shri Supakar: What is the cost according to the naya paisa standard?

Mr. Speaker: It can be converted.

Shri L. N. Mishra: What is the method of sale that has been evolved by the project administration? Will the power be sold to the State Government in bulk or to the major industries?

Shri Hathi: It is sold to the State Government. Hirakud is really a State Government concern.

Navigational System in Sunderbans

*38. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal by the State of West Bengal to consider the modernisation of the navigational system in the Sunderbans, has been discussed;

(b) if so, whether necessary data has been collected;

(c) whether the scheme thus adumbrated will be taken up during the Second Five Year Plan;

(d) what is the total amount that will be spent during the Second Plan on Inland Water Transport; and

(e) what is the share of the West Bengal Government in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The data are at present under examination.

(c) There is no provision for this project in the Second Five Year Plan.

(d) Rupees three crores, out of which Rupees one hundred and fifty lakhs will be spent in the Ganga Brahmaputra region.

(e) The provision made by the Central Government for inland water transport has not been on a State-wise basis, but, approximately, Rs. 13.5 lakhs will be spent on schemes which fall within the West Bengal State.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the Central Government will have any objection to take this scheme within the Second Five Year Plan, if the West Bengal Government want to do it with the allocation that has been made?

Shri Humayun Kabir: We shall certainly be prepared to request the Ganga-Brahmaputra Water Transport Board to consider this suggestion carefully and if at all practicable accommodate it within the Second Five Year Plan.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that inter-State transactions exist between Calcutta and Assam through Sunderbans and if so, whether importance will be given to this scheme on account of the inter-State transactions?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Yes, Sir; importance will be given to it.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: In view of the fact that large areas of the inland water communication of the Sunderbans are now getting silted up and the main rivers are becoming unnavigable, may I know whether the Government has any scheme included within the Second Five Year Plan for

keeping these rivers suitable for inland water transport?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Yes, Sir, provision has been made for it.

Railway Lines in Kerala

*39. Shri A. M. Thomas: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the new railway lines for which survey has been ordered in Kerala; and

(b) the progress of the surveys instituted, if any?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Survey for Tellicherry-Coorg-Mysore and Tinnevely/Trivandrum-Cape Comorin have been sanctioned a portion of which fall in Kerala State.

(b) Reconnaissance Engineering Survey for 71 miles of Tellicherry-Mysore and Traffic survey of Tinnevely/Trivandrum-Cape Comorin have been completed.

Shri A. M. Thomas: There was an announcement by the hon. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri when he opened the line from Ernakulam to Kottayam that surveys would be ordered for some other lines also. May I know whether that idea has been dropped?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The hon. Member is fully aware that the Railways are faced with shortage of funds and we cannot go on undertaking indefinite surveys.

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is not a question of indefinite surveys. In spite of the compliments so liberally paid in the Budget speech to the hon. Minister's predecessor, why is it that an undertaking that has been given by the previous Railway Minister in regard to surveys is not being implemented?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): As I said during the course of my Budget speech, surveys