

**Shri Radha Raman:** In view of the fact that a master plan is being prepared by the town-planning agency, have the Government any statistics now available about the possibilities or the prospects of demolishing certain areas in the City of Delhi, including the Chandni Chowk area?

**Shri Karmarkar:** It looks like a very short question, but it will require a long reply.

Firstly, this question of demolition arises in urgent cases like slum clearance. It is proposed that to the extent that is possible and necessary that work should go on, pending the finalisation of this master plan.

The hon. Member wanted to know something else also.

**Shri Radha Raman:** Chandni Chowk.

**Shri Karmarkar:** About Chandni Chowk particularly, I would like to have notice.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know....

**Mr. Speaker:** How can a huge plan be discussed under a question? Hon. Members have got other remedies. If he is not satisfied, he may ask for a half-hour, one hour or 1½ hour discussion. In the Question Hour I am not going to allow all the time for a single question.

#### Bhakra Nangal Dam

\*142. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the total amount contributed towards Bhakra Nangal Dam by the two units, Punjab and Rajasthan, till the end of the First Five Year Plan and the benefits accruing to the two contributing States?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil):** A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 38.]

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** From the statement I find that about Rs. 111 crores odd have been spent on the project so far. Have Government any idea as to the optimum amount that is to be spent on this project, and the share of the Punjab and Rajasthan Governments in this respect?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** As has been stated in the answer, we have already paid Rs. 1,07,46,09,851 to Punjab and Rs. 3,70,88,450 to Rajasthan. According to present calculations, the optimum expenditure is going to be about Rs. 172:54 crores. The proportion as between Punjab and Rajasthan will be about 84:78 per cent. in the case of Punjab and 15:22 per cent. in the case of Rajasthan respectively.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know when the power supply to Rajasthan will commence?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** So far as the supply of power is concerned, we are expecting that Rajasthan would get it within a year.

**Shri Keshava:** May I know whether the Central Government have made any contribution towards this project, and if so, whether the Comptroller and Auditor-General is entitled to audit the accounts of this project?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** The Centre has paid money; that has been stated in the answer itself. As for the second part of the question, I require notice.

**Shri Punnoose:** May I know the quantity of power produced in this project, and the cost of production per kw.?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** The power already produced is somewhere in the region of 72,000 kw. The power to be produced hereafter will be a little under 400,000 kw. As to the price per kw. I would require notice.

**Shri H. C. Mathur:** May I know whether the Rajasthan Government have complained of inordinate delays in the transmission of power in this case, and if so, the reasons for this delay?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** They have been in correspondence with us, and we have explained to them the difficulty about the availability of steel etc. But those difficulties are being slowly got over, and I think we shall be in a position to give them power within a year.

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know whether any moneys have been found for this project by the Rajasthan and Punjab Governments, apart from the loans which the Government of India have given?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** I have no information about it just now. If the hon. Member gives notice, I shall find out.

**Shri Mohamed Imam:** May I know the return on the total investment?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** It is very difficult just now to estimate what the return would be. But that is a matter to be enquired into. If notice is given, I shall supply the information.

#### Salem-Bangalore Railway Line

\*143 { **Shri Narasimhan:**  
**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:**  
**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 333 on the 23rd November, 1956 and state the present position of the survey of the Salem-Bangalore Railway Line?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** The field work is in progress and is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

**Shri Narasimhan:** May I know whether there was a time-schedule for the completion of this survey, and if so, to what extent it was adhered to, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Generally, for these surveys, no definite time-schedule is given, because it differs from survey to survey depending on various conditions. But it is expected that the survey will be completed by the end of this month, and we hope

the report will be with the Railway Board by September.

**Shri Narasimhan:** May I know the stations contemplated under the survey between Dharmapuri and Salem on the one side, and Hosur and Bangalore on the other, which are now going to be in a new alignment, apart from the old alignment of the dismantled railway line between Dharmapuri and Hosur?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** It is yet too early to go into details of this nature.

**Shri Dasappa:** What was the result of this survey? Is there any immediate or reasonable chance of its being taken up within a reasonable period for implementation?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The result is more or less the general result of all surveys. I might tell the hon. Member that there is not much likelihood of this line being constructed during the Second Plan period.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Is it a fact that there is a deliberate attempt to slow down this survey in view of the fact that Government are not taking up any line for construction during the Second Plan period?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** There is no attempt whatsoever to slow down the progress of the work. As I said, the work will be completed by the end of this month. But even if it had been completed earlier, there was very little likelihood of the line being constructed.

**Shri Narasimhan:** Are Government aware that in the Second Five Year Plan period, two big projects, aluminium and lignite, will be under way in and around this area and whether in the context of perspective planning, the proper strengthening of transport facilities between Cuddalore, Salem and Bangalore will not be necessary for the fulfilment of these two projects?

**Mr. Speaker:** I find that 75 per cent. of the questions that are put by