

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): The Bhutan Government has informed the Government of India that it is not in favour of the construction of this dam. This matter is still under consideration.

Shri Beli Ram Das: Has the Government selected any alternative site for this dam?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: This does not arise out of this question.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: What are the reasons given by the Bhutan Government for not constructing this dam?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: They are not in favour of the construction of this dam.

Shri Beli Ram Das: May I know the causes why the Bhutan Government has refused permission to construct this dam?

Mr. Speaker: The question was put and answered.

COD-LIVER OIL

***1320. Shri S. V. L. Narasimham:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the annual demand for cod-liver oil in India;

(b) the number of Government factories manufacturing cod-liver oil;

(c) the total quantity manufactured in India in the year 1951-52;

(d) whether the product of each factory is subjected to analysis;

(e) whether any complaints have been received against the quality;

(f) if the answer to part (e) above be in the affirmative, what are the companies whose product is complained against; and

(g) what steps have been taken by the Government in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The annual demand is estimated at about 30,000 gallons.

(b) There is no factory in the country manufacturing cod-liver oil.

(c) to (g). Do not arise.

Kumari Anne Mascarene: May I know whether there are factories manufacturing shark liver oil, which is the same as cod-liver oil, in India?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: There are factories manufacturing shark liver oil but I do not think the quality of the product or the product itself is identical with cod-liver oil.

Shri Nanadas: What steps have Government taken to start cod liver oil factories in India?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: If my hon. friend would be able to suggest to me that we can do some fishing in cod, we can take steps to start factories.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Arising out of the answer of the hon. Minister, may I know whether Government have made any enquiries as to the availability of cod fish in the Wadge Bank?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Wadge Bank?

Shri V. P. Nayar: That is a very good fishing ground off the coast of Travancore considered to be one of the best in the whole world.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am told there are no prospects of cod fishing near India. Perhaps my information is not accurate enough. The hon. Member seems to know more about it. I will take the information from him.

Shri V. P. Nayar: He has given a wrong information.

REVISED ESTIMATES OF HIRAKUD PROJECT

***1321. Pandit Lingaraj Misra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether necessary sanction has been accorded to the Estimate, as now revised, of the Hirakud Dam Project with a view to pursue the programme of construction with vigour as suggested by the Advisory Committee in its Report of March, 1952?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): The Government of Orissa have given their approval to the revised estimate for Stage I of the Project. This Estimate is now under scrutiny by the Hirakud Control Board. As soon as the recommendations of the Board are received, necessary revised sanction of the Government of India will be issued. This, however, is not affecting the programme of construction which is being pursued with vigour.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know whether these revised estimates have received the approval of the Government of India, including the Finance