

**Shri C. R. Chowdary:** May I know whether the goods imported from our country are charged the standard or the preferential rate?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** That is exactly the information which I am trying to collect.

**Shri C. R. Chowdary:** May I know whether our exports are able to meet the demands in full?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I cannot say. I can only give the figures of exports. I cannot say whether they will meet the demands.

**Shri Nanadas:** What are the articles that we export to Fiji?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Cotton manufacture, jute manufacture, haberdashery, millinery, are the major items exported from India.

#### NANDI KONDA PROJECT

\*1325. **Shri C. R. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent, the investigation of the right side channel of Nandi Konda Project has been conducted as per the decision or decisions taken in the "Engineers' and Experts' Conference" held on the 8th December, 1952, convened by the Planning Commission;

(b) when it is expected to be completed;

(c) whether the decision taken by the Planning Commission at a meeting held on the 20th January, 1953 regarding investigations into the development of Krishna and Godavari Basins, is in revision of the decision taken on the 8th December, 1952 at the Engineers' and Experts' Conference; and

(d) the scope and the effect of the decision taken on the 20th January, 1953 by the Planning Commission, on the investigation being conducted on the Nandi Konda Project, by the Madras and Hyderabad States as per the recommendations of the Khosla Committee?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) About 200 miles length of the Nandi Konda Canal have been aligned on the ground and about 100 miles remain to be aligned.

(b) The entire investigation, including alignment, location of masonry works and preparation of designs, estimates, drawings and report is expect-

ed to be completed by the end of July, 1953.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

**Shri C. R. Chowdary:** May I know if this project will be taken up immediately after the investigation is completed?

**Shri Nanda:** That would depend upon the result of the investigations.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know what decision the Government have taken with regard to the Krishna-Pennar project?

**Shri Nanda:** That is part of the same investigation.

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** May I know whether it is the intention to include this project in the current Five Year Plan subject to further investigation recommended by the Khosla Committee?

**Shri Nanda:** Yes, Sir. It has been included in the First Five-Year Plan in the sense that a general provision has been made for new projects. If the investigations are completed, it is possible to take it up during this period.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know what progress has been made with regard to the Kavali-Kanupur canals which are included in the right side of the Nandi Konda project?

**Shri Nanda:** These two canals are included in the whole scheme.

**Shri C. R. Chowdary:** May I know whether the investigations are conducted under the supervision of the Khosla Committee or under the supervision of the Madras State?

**Shri Nanda:** It is under the general supervision of the Technical Committee of which Mr. Khosla is the Chairman.

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** In view of the fact that the Krishna-Pennar Project will benefit the residuary State of Madras also will this project be given preference?

**Shri Nanda:** The object of the investigation is to find out the best way of utilising the waters of the Krishna and the Godavary. It is from that point of view that investigations are being carried on.

**Shri Nanadas:** A decision was taken on the 8th December, 1952, that a final decision with regard to the Krishna-Pennar Project, whether its aban-

document or taking up, should be taken within 3 months. May I know at what stage the matter stands today?

**Shri Nanda:** There was no decision to finalise in three months.

#### FAMINE AREAS IN MAHARASHTRA

\*1326. **Shri Bogawat:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Five Year Plan gives high priority to river valley projects in the areas which are very liable to famine;

(b) whether the districts of Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Bijapur and part of Poona adjoining Ahmednagar which are very liable to famine, are omitted from this application of that priority;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a Committee appointed by the Centre under the presidency of Shri Ramamurti, made a report on the chronic famine area of Maharashtra and recommended suitable measures for providing relief on a permanent and semi-permanent basis;

(e) if so, what measures are recommended for the districts of Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Bijapur and part of Poona; and

(f) the steps the Government of India intend to take in the matter?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) to (c). The principal considerations governing the inclusion of irrigation schemes in the Five Year Plan were—

(1) whether a scheme was under execution at the time of formulating the Plan; and

(2) whether it was calculated to provide an early increase in food production.

In the case of Bombay, the Plan contemplated that irrigation schemes already begun should be completed as early as possible.

(d) Yes.

(e) and (f). A number of recommendations, mostly long-term ones have been made and these are under examination. Loans have been given for minor irrigation works to the extent of Rs. 23 lakhs as a measure of immediate relief.

**Shri Bogawat:** May I know if there are proper protective schemes in the Five Year Plan, and may I know

if the Government mean to amend the Plan?

**Shri Nanda:** Protective schemes are being taken up and it is not necessary to amend the Plan, for that purpose.

**Shri Bogawat:** May I know whether the Government will place on the Table of the House the recommendations of the Ramamurthi Committee?

**Shri Nanda:** As I stated, most of the recommendations are of a long-term character. They are not of current and immediate interest. But, if the hon. Member desires, information can be supplied.

**Shri Bogawat:** May I know whether Government have considered very important river valley projects in the area which is very liable to famine?

**Shri Nanda:** Yes, Sir. These several projects are either under investigation immediately or will be taken up for investigation in course of time.

**Shri Bogawat:** May I know whether the Kukadi project which is very useful to the famine area, Poona, Sholapur, Ahmednagar, will be considered by the Government in the Five Year Plan?

**Shri Nanda:** That is one of the projects recommended in the Ramamurthi report. It will receive consideration.

**Shri Altekar:** May I know whether the Government are aware that the land in the districts of Sholapur, Bijapur and Ahmednagar is of good quality and if properly watered it could be turned into a surplus area?

**Shri Nanda:** That is well understood.

**Shri Gadgil:** Will the Government consider the desirability of giving the highest priority to irrigation works in the chronically famine infested areas in the next stage of the Plan?

**Shri Nanda:** That is a very commendable suggestion. It is being done even now.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let us go to the next question.

#### OIL REFINERIES

\*1327. **Shri Nanadas:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether there is any possibility of obtaining crude oil from nearer sources than the present Middle East sources?