Shri Jangde: Has the Government calculated as to what would be the excess sum over and above the sum spent on mill cloth, if the government proposes to meet all its requirements by purchasing khadi only?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: There is no ground for the presumptions behind that question.

Seth Govind Das: May I know the difficulty which the Government feel in purchasing khadi instead of mill cloth?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have not suggested, Sir. that there is any difficulty. Actually my hon. colleague who is really in charge of purchases has made a special effort in this direction by asking his purchasing officers to give special preference even in the matter of price to articles made in this country, hand-loom and khadi also being amongst them.

श्री जांगड़े: मैं प्रार्थना करूंगा कि प्रश्न २२०१ का भी प्रश्न २२०० के साथ उत्तर दे दिया जाय ।

हीराकुड जल-विद्धृत शक्ति संयन्त्र

*२२००. श्री जांगडे : (क) क्या सिचाई तथा विद्युत मंत्री हीराकुड परि-योजना के एक अंश जल-वद्युत शक्ति संयंत्र के निर्माण को, जिसे कि प्रारम्भ में प्राथमिकता दी गई थी और जिस पर डेढ़ करोड़ रुपये व्यय भी कर दिये गये थे, स्थगित करने के कारण बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

(ख) सिंचाई संयन्त्र के निर्माण को आरम्भ में ही प्राथमिकता न देने के क्या कारण थे ?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) and (b). The hon. Member is presumably referring to the suspension of word on Power House No. 2 and works connected therewith viz., the Subsidiary Dam and the Power Channel. If so, I would refer him to the reply given to Starred Question No. 612 by Dr. Natabar Pandey on the 9th June 1952. A copy of the press note, that was issued in January last, explaining the full circumstances under which priorities for the project were revised is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 42]

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*२२०१. श्री जांग हैं: क्या सिचाई तथा विद्युत मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि हीराकुड बांध परियोजना का अनुमानित निर्माण-व्यय जो कि १९४६ में ४७ करोड़ रुपये आंका गया था १९५२ में ८९ करोढ़ रुपये तक क्यों बढ़ गया है?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): The rise in the cost of the Hirakud Dam Project is due to the following reasons:

- (i) increased scope of the Project i.e. increased annual irrigation from 10.85 lakhs acres to 19:25 lakhs acres;
- (ii) increase in the area of land acquired in the reservoir area and increase in the cost of compensation for houses. tanks, wells etc. which will get submerged;
- (iii) increased cost of machinery imported from abroad as a result of the devaluation of the rupee and the general rise in prices;
- (iv) increase in the length and cost of transmission lines;
- (v) Rise in wages of labour at Hirakud.

श्री जांगड़े: क्या यह सच नहीं है कि जब हीराकुड योजना तैयार की गई उस समय चीजों की कीमत मजदूरी आदि का इन्डेक्स नम्बर (index number) ३०१ था और उस समय हीराकुड का कुल अनुमान ४७ करोड़ लगाया गया था, परन्तु अब जब कि इन्डेक्स नम्बर ३९३ से ४७५ तक अधिकतम बढ़ा है तो क्या कारण है कि अनुमान ४७ करोड़ से बढ़ कर ८९ करोड़ हो गया है जब कि भाखरा, नांगल और दामोदर वैली कारपोरेशन का खर्च इतना नहीं बढ़ा है?

Shri Nanda: I am prepared to give the details of the increase, which has occurred due to the various reasons given in the reply to the main question.