

## KOSI PROJECT

\*162. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the preliminary work on the Kosi Project has been started; and

(b) if so, the details of the work undertaken?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 44.]

## WOGH RIVER PROJECT

\*163. **Shri N. A. Borkar:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150 Members of the Madhya Pradesh State Assembly submitted a Scheme on Wogh River Project to the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details of the Scheme; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) No such representation was received by the Government of India. It has, however, been reported by the Madhya Pradesh Government that 133 Members of the State Legislative Assembly submitted a memorial to the Chief Minister of the State in April, 1953, regarding immediate implementation of Bagh River Project in Bhandara District.

(b) A statement giving the details of the Project is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 45.]

(c) The Project has been recommended by the State Government to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan.

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The matter is under consideration in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

## ABDUCTED WOMEN

\*167. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of abducted women sent back to Pakistan and the number of such women handed over by Pakistan to India during the period from the 1st August, 1954 to the 31st October, 1954?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** The number of abducted persons sent to and received from Pakistan during the months of August and September, 1954, is 175 and 19, respectively. Figures for the month of October are not yet available.

## G.A.T.T.

\*168. **Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Government propose to call for the views of the public with a view to determining its attitude to the GATT before it comes up for a review at its next session?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** The review of the GATT is already under consideration at the current session of the Contracting Parties in Geneva. Government have already consulted leading Chambers of Commerce in the country and do not consider any further consultation with the public to be necessary.

## ALL INDIA HANDICRAFTS BOARD

\*173. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All-India Handicrafts Board has passed any resolution asking for autonomous powers; and