

Kosi Project

*20. **Dr. Rama Rao** : Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the progress made so far on the Kosi Project ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 3].

Dr. Rama Rao : From the statement it is not clear whether any construction is going on for any hospital or labour quarters. May I know what is being done for the construction of hospitals and labour quarters ?

Shri Hathi : Actually, medical facilities are being given. But on the embankments which are running for some miles along the river bank, it may not be possible to have a permanent hospital.

Dr. Rama Rao : On page 8 of the statement, regarding acquisition of railway materials, it is mentioned that the engines acquired are under repair and are being overhauled, and that some 52 old wagons have been acquired. May I know why you specialise in acquiring dilapidated and old engines and wagons for the Kosi Project ?

Shri Hathi : On grounds of economy, if they are available.

Dr. Rama Rao : May I know the programme and time-schedule of the whole scheme ?

Shri Hathi : We have had a time schedule. We have prepared it for this year ; and for the next season, it is being prepared.

ठाकुर युगल किशोर सिंह : क्या यह सत्य है कि भारत सेवक समाज के संयोजक ने इस बात की शिकायत की है कि जो काम जन सहयोग द्वारा किए जाते हैं उनमें अधिकारियों द्वारा कठिनाइयां उपस्थित की जाती हैं ?

योजना तथा सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्री (श्री नन्दा) : जब कोई बड़ा काम नये ढंग से शुरू किया जाता है तो कठिनाइयों का उत्पन्न होना कुदरती बात है, यह स्वभाविक ही है।

ठाकुर युगल किशोर सिंह : किस तरह की कठिनाइयां.....

Shri Kamath : Is the hon. Minister in a position to state what proportion the quantum of *Shramdan* in his Kosi project bears to the total labour employed ?

Shri Nanda : The figures and the details have been given there in the statement. The *Shramdan* side has been completed.

Shri Kamath : What steps have Government taken to see that this *Shramdan* is not really *begar* ?

Shri Nanda : *Shramdan* is distinguished from the other type of work where payments are made. There is no question of *begar*; it is all voluntary work completely.

Technical Training Centre

*21. **Shri Subodh Hasda** : Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1617 on the 29th March, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the construction of the building for the Technical Training Centre at Jhargram Project Block has since been completed;

(b) if so, whether the training of students has started ; and

(c) whether Government have fixed any standard for admission to the Training School ?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) : (a) Construction of the building has been nearly completed.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, High School Class VII.

Shri Subodh Hasda : May I know whether Government would consider the standards for admission of the professional students having no educational qualifications ?

Shri S. N. Mishra : I think so far the standard laid down is there. But there does not seem to be any intention to relax it at the present moment.

Shri Subodh Hasda : May I know the total amount of expenditure incurred in implementing this scheme ?

Shri S. N. Mishra : The total amount that will be required for this purpose would come up to Rs. 2,60,166. But the amount of expenditure incurred so far comes to Rs. 1,20,073-8-0

Shri S. C. Samanta : May I know how many candidates can be trained there, and whether trainees from outside the project area will also be taken in ?