

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 बिद्युत मंत्री (श्री नन्दा) : जब कोई बड़ा काम नये ढंग से शुरू किया जाता है तो कठिनाइयों का उत्पन्न होना कुरदरती 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 ?

Shri S. N. Mishra: The number of trainees in each vocation would come up to about 20; and there are 20 vocations in which the boys are to be trained. So, the total number would come to 160, but at the present moment, 40 are being trained.

So far as the question of boys being taken from outside is concerned, I think there does not seem to be any embargo on that.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether Government have any proposal to provide those trainees who will have training there with any vocational assistance within the community project area after the completion of their course?

Shri S. N. Mishra: That does not seem to be the purpose behind such training.

Textile Enquiry Committee

*22. **Shri Gadlingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2372 on the 19th April, 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the Report of the Textile Enquiry Committee; and

(b) if so, which of their recommendations have been accepted?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Government have not yet taken any decisions on this report.

Shri Gadlingana Gowd: How long will it take for Government to come to a decision in the matter?

Shri Kanungo: As soon as possible.

Shri Nanadas: May I know what are the reasons for not taking a decision in this matter?

Shri Kanungo: There are no particular reasons. One reason was that the Report was not available in print in full.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What are the recommendations made by the Committee?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The recommendations are being considered.

Shri Kanungo: Copies of the Report are available in the Library.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know whether the recent statement of the hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry that he is a complete convert to the philosophy of the handloom will have any influence in coming to a decision over this Report?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): The hon. Member is at liberty to judge for himself.

मद्य-निषेध जांच समिति

*२४. **श्री भक्त दर्शन:** क्या योजना मंत्री २५ फरवरी, १९५५ को पूछे गये तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २२५ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या योजना आयोग द्वारा नियुक्त की गई मद्य निषेध जांच समिति ने अब अपना प्रतिवेदन दे दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उसकी प्रति सभा-पटल पर रखी जायेगी ?

योजना उपमंत्री (श्री इयाम नन्वन मिश्र):

(क) और (ख). संक्षेप में प्रतिवेदन की सिफारिशों अप्रसूचना के रूप में हाल में आई हैं और प्रारम्भिक परीक्षा की अवस्था में हैं। पूर्ण प्रतिवेदन की प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है।

श्री भक्त दर्शन: क्या यह सत्य है कि इस समिति ने इस आशय की सिफारिश की है कि कुछ ही वर्षों के अन्दर सारे देश में पूर्ण मद्यनिषेध लागू कर दिया जाय। यदि यह सत्य है तो क्या कमेटी ने इस बात की भी सिफारिश की है कि इस के कारण जो घाटा प्रान्तीय और केन्द्रीय सरकारों को होगा उस की किस तरह से पूर्ति की जायेगी ?

श्री एस्. एन. मिश्र: ये सारी बातें तफसील की हैं और इन सब पर गौर किया जा रहा है। अभी उन को प्रकाश में लाने की कोई खास आवश्यकता नहीं है।

श्री भक्त दर्शन: क्या.....

Mr. Speaker: He may await the report now.

Jute Bags

*25. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether there have been any negotiations with Turkey for the supply of jute bags?