

Shri Yajnik: Kilowatts?

Shri Hathi: As the Speaker asked me to answer one, I have answered one. In the power, there will not be much difference. It will be 120,000 KW.

Shri Yajnik: And the acreage? It is important for us to know the reduction in the acreage that would take place as a result of the recommendations.

Shri Hathi: The number of acres would not be much reduced. It is going to give perennial irrigation to the present area irrigated under the Kakrapara project.

Shri B. K. Galkwad: How many acres of fertile cultivable land will go under water if this Ukai dam is constructed?

Shri Hathi: I have not got these figures with me.

Shri K. U. Parmar: May I know whether it is a fact that machinery and equipment brought for the Ukai project were immediately transferred to the Koyna project? What are the reasons for that? May I know whether it is a fact that the Bombay Government, in order to do injustice to Gujarat, have shifted this equipment?

Mr. Speaker. Order, order.

Shri Hathi: I cannot vouchsafe for the various presumptions made. But, after all, the machinery in a State are meant for the various projects in the State itself. It is for the State to take them wherever they want. When it is surplus, it may again be brought back to the dam.

Shri Jadhav: What is the total estimated cost of the project? Lands from which districts will be irrigated?

Shri Hathi: Cost, I have stated, will be Rs. 61.57 crores.

Shri Goray: The Minister said that he does not know the exact acreage of cultivable land that may be sub-

merged. Does he know how many villages will have to be vacated?

Shri Hathi: I have not got that information with me.

Fourth All-India Conference of Warehousemen

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Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth All India Conference of Warehousemen was held at Poona on the 14th and 15th September, 1959; and

(b) if so, what decisions were taken by the said Conference?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, there was a conference of warehousemen at Poona which was also attended by representatives of the Reserve Bank and the State Bank, Managing Directors of several State Warehousing Corporations, Registrars of Cooperative Societies of several States and other senior officials.

(b) Mostly the difficulties and problems arising in the day-to-day working of the warehousing scheme in the different States were discussed at the conference. Certain general matters, such as, the way in which plans should be prepared by the different State Corporations and the Central Corporation for the Third Plan, the possibility of setting up a joint self-insurance scheme for all the Corporations and a common construction agency were also discussed. In the light of these discussions the different Corporations will now formulate their definite views.

Shri Goray: May I know how many warehouses are likely to be built during the next two years?

Shri A. M. Thomas: For the warehouses now existing, the total capacity would be 84,000 and odd tons. The total number of warehouses that are

functioning are, under the Central Warehousing scheme, 9; in the States, the total is 42

Shri Goray: I asked how many warehouses are likely to be built during the next two years

Shri A. M. Thomas: With regard to the construction programme, a programme for building a capacity of 5000 tons has now been approved. Construction of 11300 tons additional storage capacity is also under consideration. We think we would be able to plan for another 35,000 tons in 7 other centres for 1959-60.

Shri Goray: What will be the proportion of the number of warehouses to the total number of villages? Will there be a warehouse for about 10 villages or 15 villages?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): About warehousing corporations and warehouses which are managed by the Government, we are making a proposal that for the Third Five Year Plan, we shall multiply and we shall come to some kind of a stage where for every Community Development Block, we should have a warehouse. Therefore, the whole Plan is under discussion. Final decisions have not yet been made. For our immediate purposes and also for near distant purposes, warehousing capacity has to increase many many more times than what it is today.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: May I know whether any of our Indian warehousemen offered to build warehouses for the buffer stocks to be kept as the Minister has in mind?

Shri S. K. Patil: So far as warehouses are concerned, we have developed a modern warehouse which is, I should say, one of the best anywhere. I am not talking of Silos, but the ordinary warehouses. They have been approved of even by experts of other countries in the event of stock being increased, etc. We have reduced the price of construction also under another scheme. All that is being attended to.

Shri Thirumala Rao: What does the word warehousemen connote? Does it refer to the Directors controlling the warehouses or people actually in charge of the warehouses?

Shri A. M. Thomas: People in charge of warehouses.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Government servants?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Yes.

Shri Goray: Would the Minister tell me whether the entire capacity of the present warehouses is being utilised by the farmers?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Yes, Sir. We have got information that the capacity is mostly utilised, and the present stock figures indicate that a quantity of about 329 000 maunds of different commodities has been stored.

Shri Goray: What will the percentage be to the total capacity?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Almost the total capacity is now being used.

Shri Jadhav: May I now the number of villages that will be covered by warehousing in the Third Plan?

Mr Speaker: That is what he said.

Shri S. K. Patil: I said it should be a community block. The hon. Member may have an idea. The number of villages differ, but the block has got an entity of its own, and it does cover a number of villages.

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*४४. श्री भक्त बर्दान क्या लिवाई और विद्युत् यो १२ अगस्त, १९५९ के तारांकित प्रश्न नम्बर ३४९ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में बहु बतान की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश की राज्य सरकार ने रमगंगा परियोजना के लिये अर्थिक और विदेशी मुद्रा के रूप में बालू वर्ष में कितनी सहायता मांगी है; और

(ख) सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?