

(b) if so, how far this doubling of line will be extended; and

(c) the time schedule for this work with the estimated cost thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) Not for the present.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Additional Shuttle from Poona Dhond

2486. Shri Jedhe: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce additional shuttle running from Poona station to Dhond junction due to over-crowding of passengers on this line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no justification for the introduction of an additional train only between Poona and Dhond. However, there are proposals for the introduction of some long distance trains which will also serve the Poona-Dhond section. The introduction of these trains is subject to availability of line capacity, power, and rolling stock.

Tungabhadra Project

**2487. { Shri R. G. Dubey;
Shri S. B. Patil:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction of Tungabhadra Project was completed and what was the cost involved;

(b) the area to be covered and the actual area brought under irrigation so far; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to expedite fuller use of the irrigation potentials so that the large amount invested will give some return?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) The Tungabhadra Project has several components, some of which have been completed. The main dam was completed in June, 1958. The 127 mile long Left Bank Canal has also been completed but the work on the distributaries is in progress and will be completed in 1963. The 217 mile long Low Level Canal on the right side was completed in March, 1957, and the work on the distributaries will be completed in 1963. The work on the 122 mile long High Level Canal is in progress and is expected to be completed during the year 1964-65

The Tungabhadra Project including the 1st Stage of the High Level Canal is estimated to cost Rs. 74.11 crores.

(b) An area of 1,20,000 acres in Andhra Pradesh and 2,30,000 acres in Mysore State i.e. 3.5 lakh acres in all has been brought under irrigation on this project up to the end of March, 1962 out of a total are to be benefitted. of 2,69,725 acres in Andhra Pradesh and 7,40,594 acres in Mysore State i.e. 10.10 lakh acres in all.

(c) The Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Mysore have been asked to construct water courses for blocks up to 100 acres at Government cost. In the case of the field channels, which are normally excavated by the beneficiaries, it has been suggested that in the event of default, these should also be constructed through the Government agencies and cost recovered from the beneficiaries. Development Committees consisting of representatives from various Departments concerned (Irrigation, Agriculture, Revenue, Community Development organisation and Co-operatives etc.) are being set up by the State Governments to see that co-ordinated efforts are put in and proper planning is done

simultaneously by each Department with the planning of construction operation by the Irrigation Department. The Government of India is sending a team to the various projects to review their progress and this team will also study the aspect of timely utilisation of irrigation potentials created by these projects.

Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal in Mysore State

2488. { **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shri S. B. Patil:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the area under command of Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal in Mysore State and the actual area brought under irrigation;

(b) what is the total area that can be brought under irrigation keeping in view the progress of the canal work;

(c) what is actual area brought under irrigation; and

(d) in case, the capacity is not fully utilised, what are the causes for the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

Linking of Garo Hills by Railway Line

2489. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to link up Garo Hills by Railway; and

(b) if so, when Government propose to execute the programme for constructing railway on this route?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramwamy):

(a) and (b). The proposed line is not included in Railway's programme for construction of new lines during the Third Five Year Plan. There is no prospect of construction of this line during the plan period.

Jorhat and Jorhat Town Stations

2490. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to remodel Jorhat and Jorhat Town Stations into one station; and

(b) if so, why there is delay in executing the proposal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramwamy):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ukai Project

2491. **Shri Man Singh Patel:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the final stage of Ukai Irrigation Scheme of Gujarat;

(b) what amount is provided for this scheme in the Third Five Year Plan;

(c) when Government expect to finalise this scheme;

(d) the total amount likely to be incurred;

(e) the total area of irrigation to be covered; and

(f) the total K.W. power likely to be generated?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) A Control Board in charge of the Project has recently been established. Preliminary works and investigations are in progress.

(b) Rs. 6 crores.

(c) By the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

(d) Rs. 58.21 crores.

(e) 3.92 lakh acres.