

at the site of the surge tank and for the tunnel, and site clearance for the head works, penstock alignment and tail-race have been completed. Construction machinery worth Rs. 3 crores is being procured. A Russian offer for electrical plant and equipment is under examination.

(b). The First Unit is expected to be put into commercial operation in 1969-70 while the entire project is expected to be completed in early Fifth Plan period.

#### Loans for Construction of Dams

1547. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the loans given to various States which are outstanding for the construction of Dams;

(b) whether some of the States have asked for the extension of time limit; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Hindustan Housing Factory

1548. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state whether the Hindustan Housing Factory propose to produce cheap house building material suitable for middle income groups?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** The Factory is contemplating the setting up of a prefabrication plant to manufacture housing components which will make building construction cheaper and quicker.

#### Salandi Dam Project

1549. **Shri G. Mohanty:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) when the Salandi Dam Project in Orissa is expected to be completed;

(b) whether there is any plan to recast the old project; and

(c) the present position in regard to its construction?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) By 1967-68.

(b) The Project was recast in 1963 and the revised Project was approved by the Planning Commission in January, 1964.

(c) The work on construction of dam, pick up barrage and canals are in progress. About 50 per cent work on excavation of foundation in dam, 5 per cent of masonry, about 20 per cent of earth work in canals and about 25 per cent of excavation of foundation of pick up barrage were completed upto end of December, 1963.

Expenditure incurred upto the end of December, 1963 is reported to be Rs. 178.1 lakhs.

#### सिंचाई तथा बाढ़ नियंत्रण योजनायें

१५५०. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार राज्य की जिन सिंचाई और बाढ़ नियन्त्रण योजनाओं को तृतीय योजनाकाल में कार्यान्वित करने के लिए स्वीकृति दी जा चुकी थी, वे केन्द्रीय आर्थिक सहायता के अभाव के कारण रुकी पड़ी हैं; और