

Nagarjunasagar Dam

- 3273. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:**
Shri R. K. Sinha:
Shri Kameshwar Singh:
Shri A. Sreedharan:
Shri Nihal Singh:
Shri Srichand Goel:
Shri Shiva Chandra Jha:

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

(a) progress made so far in the completion of the Nagarjunasagar Dam; and

(b) the time by which it will be completed?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) The work on Nagarjunasagar Dam is progressing briskly. The dam has reached levels varying from EL 525 to 546 in the spillway, EL 585 (average) in the Left non-overflow section and EL 585 (average) in the right non-overflow section. In terms of work load, 97 per cent of the total estimated quantity of masonry and concrete has been completed.

(b) The work on the Dam is expected to be completed by end of June 1968 except for spillway bridge and architectural features.

Exploration of Oil in Off-Shore Areas of Kerala

- 3274. Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:
Shri C. K. Chakrapani:
Shri P. Ramamurti:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorandum was received from the Ministry of Transport about boring of oil on the off-shore areas of Kerala in 1963;

(b) whether any preliminary investigation was made; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Raghu Ramalah): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Results obtained so far are not encouraging.

Agreement with Soviet Union for Survey of Off-shore Areas

- 3275. Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:
Shri P. Ramamurti:
Shri C. K. Chakrapani:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was signed at Delhi between the Soviet Union and the Government of India to survey the off-shore areas of our country with the help of Soviet technicians;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been made; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Raghu Ramalah): (a) A contract was entered into between the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and V/O Technoexport, Moscow for conducting a seismic survey of off-shore areas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Certain structures have been located in the Gulf of Cambay along the Coromandal Coast, some other indications that call for further surveys have also been obtained.

Irrigation Projects in Kerala

- 3276. Shri P. Gopalan:**
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:

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

(a) the names of the six irrigation projects which started in Kerala during the Third Five Year Plan: