

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** I would require notice to answer that question.

#### NARMADA VALLEY PROJECT

**\*775. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 334 asked on the 24th February, 1954 and state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Narmada Valley Project; and

(b) when the work on this Project is expected to start?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 76.]

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know whether this project is confined only to irrigation or is it multi-purpose?

**Shri Hathi:** This project envisages four different projects. Out of these, two will be for Irrigation and power and of the other two one for irrigation and one for power. It is not one project as a whole but it consists of four different projects.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Can I have an idea when this project will be completed?

**Shri Hathi:** This project will have to be considered by the Technical Advisory Committee appointed by the Planning Commission and after the report of that Committee it might be included in the next Five Year Plan. So, it cannot be definitely said, when actually the project will start.

**Shri T. N. Singh:** May I know whether the position of the three participating Governments in this Bhakra-Nangal Project has now been verified.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. The question is with reference to Narmada Valley Project.

#### VISAS TO PAKISTANI NATIONALS

**\*776. Mulla Abdullabhai:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) how many Pakistani Nationals staying in Delhi have applied for Indian Visa on Pakistani Passport during the period ending the 30th September, 1954 since the inception of the Indo-Pak passport system; and

(b) how many Indian Visas on Pakistani passport have so far been issued in Delhi?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Of the 472 Pakistani nationals staying in Delhi who applied for Indian E & F visas on Pakistani Passports during the period from 15th October, 1952, to 30th September, 1954, 440 were granted those visas; and out of 541 applications for long term visas during the same period, 79 were granted such visas.

#### HIMALAYAN EXPEDITIONS

**\*777. Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mountaineering teams to the Himalayan peaks which were permitted to come to India during the last three years;

(b) the number among them which were organised by foreigners; and

(c) whether they submitted any report after their expeditions were over?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Ten separate teams, all of them organized by the foreign nationals, were given permission to climb Indian peaks of the Himalayas.

(c) No, Sir.

**Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** May I know, Sir, the nationalities of the organisers of such teams?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** It is a long list, Sir, I have the information with me and, perhaps, I can lay it on the Table by way of a statement.