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Sharavathy Valley Hydro-Electric Project

*308. **Shri Mohammed Imam:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimate of expenditure on the Sharavathy Valley Hydro-Electric Project;

(b) the outlay incurred so far;

(c) the financial assistance that will be given by the Central Government; and

(d) when it is scheduled to be completed?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim): (a) The total estimated cost of the project, which is proposed to be executed in three stages, is Rs. 39.45 crores. Only the first stage of the project is now sanctioned and is estimated to cost Rs. 2,297 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 230.5 lakhs till the end of June, 1958.

(c) Financial assistance is not given by Central Government to State Governments specifically for individual projects.

(d) The first unit is expected to be commissioned by 1961-62 and the other units thereafter.

Training of Village Leaders

*309. { **Shri Tangamani:**
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the training of village Leaders has concluded in all the Blocks;

(b) the nature of syllabus adopted in the various blocks; and

(c) whether uniform syllabus was adopted throughout the country?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Village Leaders' Training in agricultural group of subjects is expected to be completed in all Blocks by October, 1959. Thereafter, training in other subjects like Panchayats, Cooperation and Village Communications, Village Industries, Rural Housing, Education, Social Education, Public Health and Sanitation, Women's Programme etc. will be taken up. As this is to be a continuous process, the question of its conclusion does not arise.

(b) and (c). An illustrative synopsis of the course is given in the "Manual of Village Leaders Training Camps" copies of which have been placed in the Parliament Library. State Governments were advised to alter the syllabus to suit the local conditions of each region so that training has relation with the crops and other conditions of the region.

Purchase of Electric Locomotives

*310. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an order for 80 electric locomotives has been placed in U.S.A.?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): No.

Transport Corporation for Kulu Valley

*311. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up a Transport Corporation for the Kulu Valley has been finalised; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Although the Punjab Government and the Himachal Pradesh Administration have agreed to form, in partnership with the Railways, a Road Transport Corporation for operation of services on the Pathankot—Manali route, the Corporation has not started functioning