

**Power Supply for D.V.O.**

\*666. { Shri Subodh Hanada:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that DVC is purchasing power from Smdri Fertilizers Factory,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) since when this arrangement has been made?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Damodar Valley Corporation Power System is running on overload and a small amount of power available from Sindri from time to time is being utilised to relieve the shortage to some extent

(c) From October, 1957

**Irrigation and Power Works under Bhakra Nangal Project**

\*667. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Pangarkar:  
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:  
Shri Pahadia:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 2021 on the 23rd April, 1959 and state the latest position with regard to the irrigation and power works under the Bhakra Nangal Project?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix II, annexure No 108]

**Indian Tankers for Import of Crude Oil**

\*668. { Shri Nagi Reddy:  
Shri A K Gopalan:  
Shri Vasudevan Nair:  
Shri Kunhan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) the reasons as to why no Indian Tankers are being employed for the

purpose of importing crude oil for oil refineries;

(b) whether any efforts are being made to allot Indian tankers to carry a part of crude oil to save foreign exchange; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange paid for importing crude oil in the year 1957-58 and 1958-59?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b) The First Plan did not provide for the acquisition of tankers. The Second Plan provided for the acquisition of tankers to the extent of 26,000 GRT. In view of Government's policy to reserve the coastal trade for Indian shipping, first priority was given to acquisition of tankers on the coast. We have got already two tankers on the coast and the third tanker also intended for the coast, is under construction. These three together will amount to about 23,000 GRT. The question of the purchase of overseas tankers is under consideration and it is hoped that acquisition will materialise in the Third Plan period.

(c) The amount of foreign exchange entitlements on tankers freight on imports of crude oil by the Oil Companies is as follows

1957-58	Rs 67,699,474
1958-59	Rs 57,588,130

**Kharif Campaign**

\*669. { Shri Harish Chandra:  
Mathur:  
Shri Damani:  
Shri Keshava:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the pro-

gress made so far in various States in the implementation of Kharif campaign?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** The State Governments have not furnished progress reports so far. However, a statement giving the progress made so far in the Kharif Production Campaign, based on the information available with the Ministry, is laid on the Table of the Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 109]

**Sharing of Waters of Araniar Project**

\*670 { Shri N R Muniswamy  
Shri Viswanatha Reddy

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) whether matters relating to sharing of the waters of the Araniar Project have been finalised by the Sub-Committee of the Southern Zonal Council, and

(b) whether the officials of Andhra Pradesh and Madras Governments have met and fixed up any tentative proposals regarding the quantity of water to be supplied to Madras State from the reservoir?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi)** (a) No Sir

(b) A Committee under the Southern Zonal Council consisting of the representative of the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Madras is considering this question. The discussions in the Committee have so far been essentially of an exploratory character and no proposals acceptable to both the States have yet been worked out

**Evaporation Losses due to Open Water Storages**

\*671 **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Water and Power Commission are making ex-

periments to restrict evaporation losses from open water storages;

(b) if so, where such experiments are being made,

(c) to what extent have they proved successful, and

(d) the cost involved in making such experiments?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) to (d). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix II, annexure No 110]

**Rail Link between Khajuriaghat and Siliguri (Assam)**

\*672 { Shri Subiman Ghose:  
Shri P C Borooah  
Shri C. K. Bhattacharya.

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a broad gauge line from Khajuriaghat to Siliguri (Assam),

(b) if so the estimated cost for the same,

(c) when the work will be taken up and when it is expected to be completed,

(d) what will be the shortening of the distance between Calcutta and Darjeeling by the opening of this line,

(e) whether there has been any change in the original scheme regarding this route and

(f) if so what was the original route proposed and what change has been proposed subsequently?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S V Ramaswamy)** (a) An Engineering Survey for construction of a Broad Gauge line from Khajuriaghat to Malda and also from Malda to Siliguri is in progress

(b) The cost will be known only after the field investigations are completed