

Shri Nanjappan: May I know whether this vaccine is being tried anywhere in the country?

Shri Karmarkar: The vaccine is a foolproof one. The vaccine that is to be there in the country after it is produced here is yet to be produced. But so far as the general desirability of producing this vaccine is concerned there is absolutely no doubt that this triple vaccine will result in good.

Thermal Power Plant in Bihar

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*808. { **Shri Osman Ali Khan:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan;

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

(a) whether an agreement has been reached with the Soviet Government for setting up of a Thermal Power Plant in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the place where the power station is to be located?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a). Yes, Sir but the contracts for the plant and equipment to be procured have yet to be executed.

(b) Two turbo-alternator sets of 50 MW each, complete with boiler, would be procured from Russia.

(c). Pathratu, near Ranchi in Hazaribagh District.

Shri Osmal Ali Khan: What is the total cost of the project and what is the amount of aid expected from the Soviet Union?

Shri Hathi: The total cost is about Rs. 15 cores. The foreign exchange needed is about Rs. 9.05 cores and that will be got from Russia.

Shri Kamal Singh: As Ranchi is in the DVC belt, may I know why it is necessary to put this up in that place?

Shri Hathi: We are short of power in Bihar.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: What are the main features of the agreement with the Soviet Union?

Shri Hathi: They have not yet been finalised.

Rice from U.A.R.

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*810. { **Shri Assar:**
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 983 on the 19th December, 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered offer of rice received from U.A.R. Government; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). An agreement was signed on the 18th February, 1961 with the Misr Foreign Trade Co., Cairo for the purchase of 50,000 tons of U.A.R. rice.

Shri Assar: What is the difference in the prices of Burma and UAR rice?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I do not want to mention the exact price but I may assure the House that it is not more than the price that we pay for Burma rice.

Shri Assar: How is the quality of that rice compared to that of the Burmese and American rice?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It compares favourably.

Shri Tangamani: By what time will these 50,000 tons of rice from UAR be reaching the country?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I think the shipments are to commence from the second half of March and are to be completed by December, 1961.