

be sent to Ceylon for undertaking the feasibility studies with a view to establishing joint ventures in Ceylon

- (iii) A Standing Sub-Committee for consultation on economic and industrial matters at regular intervals is also to be established shortly

**Pumped Storage Scheme for Power Generation under Nagarjuna Sagar Dam**

1383 SHRI P NARASIMHA REDDY Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have prepared a pumped storage scheme for power generation under the Nagarjuna Sagar Dam, and

(b) whether the sanction of this proposal will be expedited in view of the apprehended power shortage in the State in the coming years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B N KUREEL) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The Government of Andhra Pradesh had in June, 1969 submitted a project report for installation of two Nos. 50 MW each reversible pump turbine sets at a power station located at Nagarjuna Sagar Dam. The project included some features indicating that the station would be used for conventional generation of power during the flood season.

Recently, the Andhra Pradesh Government have submitted in March 1971 a revised report for the pumped storage station at Nagarjunasagar operating as a purely pumped storage scheme throughout the year. Sanction of this proposal is being expedited.

**Resumption of export of onions to Ceylon**

1384 SHRI P NARASIMHA REDDY Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state

(a) whether the export of onions to Ceylon has been resumed, and

(b) the efforts made to put this trade on a firm and developing basis ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C GORGE) (a) and (b) There are no restrictions on the export of onions to Ceylon and it is for that country to resume imports.

**Broad Gauge Line from Katpadi to Tirupati (Southern Railway)**

1385 SHRI P NARASIMHA REDDY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the laying a parallel broad gauge line between Katpadi Railway Station and Tirupati Railway Station in the Southern Railway Zone is proposed in the Perspective Plan for gauge conversion and

(b) whether a comparatively small investment of rupees 2 crores in this proposal will result in an annual saving of crores of rupees by substantial reduction in distance between Bombay-Bangalore and Bombay-Mangalore, Cochin ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K HANUMANTHAIYA) (a) No

(b) As the lead of the parallel broad gauge line between Katpadi and Tirupati will be more or less the same as by the existing broad gauge route via Arkonam, the proposal is not justified from the traffic and financial considerations.

**Restoration of Cut in Fourth Plan for Railways**

1386 SHRI P NARASIMHA REDDY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Planning Commission has been persuaded to restore the cut imposed in the Fourth Plan for Railways

(b) if not, whether there are any proposals to secure assistance from international agencies to undertake the developmental projects affected by the said cut, and