

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

(c) what are the developmental projects likely to be affected or abandoned as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMATHAIYA) : (a) The Planning Commission have been approached to provide additional funds to the extent of Rs. 125 crores.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Certain gauge conversions, new lines, some line capacity works and certain items of rolling stock.

Uniform system of Billing for Electricity for Agricultural Purposes

1387. **SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to persuade the States to adopt uniform system of billing for electricity supplied for agricultural purposes on per-cropped-acre basis with provision for recovery of the charges along with land revenue; and

(b) if not whether the Central Government propose to intervene to revise or subsidise the present levy at least in dry upland areas involving all-the-year round deep-lift-irrigation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KAREEL) : (a) Power consumption for agricultural pumping depends not only on the area of irrigation but

also on the lift of water which varies from place to place. Therefore, if electricity charges are fixed only on acreage basis, it will result in the discrimination between the same category of consumers. Hence uniform system of billing for electricity on cropped acreage basis is not practicable. Electricity charges and land revenue are realised by different authorities and therefore provision for recovery of electricity charges along with land revenue is not feasible.

(b) With a view to encourage agricultural production, promotional tariffs for agricultural purposes have been introduced by the State Electricity Boards. There is no proposal to subsidise the electricity rates for agricultural purposes by the Centre.

Decline in Exports of Textiles

1388. **SHRI S. R. DAMANI :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the figures of cotton textile exports during the first 9 months of 1971 and the corresponding figures for the last two years.

(b) in case there is a decline this year, the quantity and value-wise figures for mill-made cloth, yarn, cotton apparel and hosiery ; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to achieve larger exports ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) to (c). A statement is attached.

Statement

Value in Rupees Lakhs
Quantity. Cotton piece-goods mill made in Lakh Sq Metres
Quantity for Cotton yarn in Lakh Kgs.

Period	Cotton Piece Goods mill-made		Cotton Yarn		Cotton Apparel	Cotton Hosiery	Other Cotton Mfg.	Total Value
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Value	Value	Value	
Jan./Sept. 71 (estimated)	2917.0	4871.1	81.4	831.6	703.5	8.7	1206.9	7629.8
Jan./Sept. 70	2914.6	4606.3	27.0	2217.2	494.8	15.0	1098.7	8432.0
Jan./Sept. 69	3019.8	4576.4	258.3	1818.0	338.1	16.4	1023.3	7772.2