

(b) A budget provision for Rs. 97.25 lakhs has been made for the financial year 1968-69 for loans and grants in aid.

(c) The information is being collected from the State/Union Territory Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House.

POCHAMPAD PROJECT

2530. SHRI M. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the objections raised by the Maharashtra Government in regard to the original plans and designs of Pochampad Project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the level at which these objections were considered and disposed of; and

(c) the final decision taken on the aforesaid objections and when it was taken ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR K. L. RAO) : (a) to (c). In November 1959, the Government of Bombay (now Maharashtra) addressed the Planning Commission requesting them not to enter into any commitment with the Government of Andhra Pradesh on a possible project at Pochampad without giving the Bombay Government full opportunity to consider whether its interests would be affected thereby. The main points raised by the Government of Bombay were :—

(1) the water availability should be properly assessed before undertaking any big project; and

(2) the catchment of Pochampad being mostly in Bombay State, the Pochampad Project, which contemplated the use of a large part of the runoff of the river would seriously affect the Third Plan projects contemplated by the Government of Maharashtra and the Mula and Purna Projects of the Second Plan.

2. The matter was discussed between the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Bombay in December 1959 and January 1960, and it was decided that a joint study should be made of the hydrology of the river Godavari. A further meeting was held between the Minister, P.W.D., Bom-

bay and the Minister of Irrigation and Power, Andhra Pradesh on the 7th April, 1960. The State Governments could not come to any agreement.

3. In September 1960, a decision was taken that the question of availability of water for Pochampad should be referred to a team of Consultants of the Ministry of Irrigation and Power. Soon after, an inter-State Conference to discuss the overall sharing of waters of Krishna and Godavari rivers was held on the 26th and 27th September 1960, which ended without any agreement between the states. In view of further developments, the Consultants were advised not to proceed with the examination of the Pochampad Project.

4. In May 1961, the Krishna Godavari Commission was set up to look into the overall availability of water in the two rivers. Based on the studies made by the Commission, the Minister of Irrigation and Power laid a statement in Lok Sabha in March 1963. In this statement, the Minister *inter-alia* stated that "Andhra Pradesh could also go ahead with the Pochampad Project on the Godavari, modified as a storage project to utilise 66 TMC with a provision for raising the storage later, if necessary." The Pochampad project was, accordingly, cleared in August 1964, for utilising 66 TMC,

SYNTHETIC DRUGS FACTORY, HYDERABAD

2531. SHRI M. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any Russians working in the Synthetic Drugs Factory, Hyderabad;

(b) if so, their number, nature and period of their employment and their monthly salaries;

(c) the total number of workers in various categories employed at present; and

(d) the proportion of workers from Andhra Pradesh State in the factory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHURAMAJAH) : (a) Yes.

(b) 29 Soviet specialists viz. Chief Technologist, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Senior Technologist, Senior Instrumentation Engineer, Senior Mechanical Engineer, Engineers, Technologists and Foremen and 4 interpreters are working at present in the Synthetic Drugs Project. Their monthly salaries range from 348 to 638 roubles while the periods of their employment range from 6 to 25 months.

(c) 2412 workers of all categories as on the 31st December, 1967.

(d) 94 per cent of the workers are from Andhra Pradesh.

**SYNTHETIC DRUG FACTORY,
HYDERABAD**

2532. SHRI M. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment so far made in the Synthetic Drugs Factory, Hyderabad;

(b) whether this factory is able to utilise its full rated capacity in the manufacture of drugs;

(c) the various drugs which are manufactured in this factory at present; and

(d) the annual statement of profit and loss of the last two year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHURAMAJAH) : (a) The total investment made so far including interest and commissioning expenses amounts to Rs. 2215 lakhs.

(b) It is being progressively commissioned and it is expected that its entire capacity will be utilised except in a couple of drugs.

(c) Phenacetin, Sulphanilamide and Sulphaguanidine are in commercial production. Sulphadimidine, Sodium Sulphacyl, Analgin and Amidopyrine have also been commissioned for trial production. The

various intermediates of Vitamin B₁, B₂ and Folic acid have been commissioned and the final products may be available shortly.

(d) The Profit and Loss Account of the unit showing the figures of the last two years is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-311/68] It may be added that the factory has just gone into commercial production.

**राजस्थान में बड़ी सिंचाई
परियोजनाएं**

2533. श्री मीठा लाल मीना : क्या सिंचाई और बिद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान में इस समय ऐसी बड़ी सिंचाई योजनाएं कितनी हैं जिनका प्रशासन केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा किया जा रहा है अथवा सहायता दी जा रही है; और

(ख) भविष्य में किन-किन सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिये सहायता दिये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

सिंचाई तथा बिद्युत् मंत्री (डा० कु० ल० राव) : (क) राजस्थान की निम्नलिखित बृहत् परियोजनाएं भारत सरकार से शत प्रतिशत निर्धारित ऋण सहायता ले रही हैं :—

1. राजस्थान नहर
2. व्यास
3. चम्बल ।

गुडगांव नहर परियोजना को भी 1967-68 से निर्धारित केन्द्रीय सहायता मिलेगी ।

(ख) माही-बंसवाड़ा परियोजना ।

राजस्थान की पेय जल की योजनायें

2534. श्री मीठा लाल मीना : क्या स्वास्थ्य, परिवार नियोजन एवं नगरीय विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान के सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्रों में पेय जल और नलकूपों के लिये सरकार ने क्या योजनाएं बनाई हैं;