

an important point. That is why I said that these aspects have to be carefully considered. Only in respect of surpluses do these links apply.

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:** May I know whether the Government is serious about this project of linking the Cauvery with the Ganges? This project was mooted some 50 years ago by Shri C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, and one very famous English man who was an eminent engineer. In view of the other difficulties and also the financial implications, may I ask the hon. Minister whether he will consider taking up a small proposal of linking Krishna-Cauvery and Godavari-Cauvery water? This will not involve large sums of money.

**SHRI K. C. PANT:** I have already said that one of the proposed links to be investigated is Godavari-Cauvery. It is not a question of the wholesale rejection or acceptance of an idea. It is a question of working out the full implications and then producing the project report, getting the money for those projects and then going ahead. That is how one has to go ahead.

The other thing is, if I may be permitted a second indulgence, the whole mass of water will have to be lifted up. If you want to take the water from Ganga to Kaveri, that requires a huge amount of power which is not simply available now.

**SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR:** The Minister is giving long answers. As a result, we are denied an opportunity of putting supplementaries.

**MR. SPEAKER:** If you only put short questions, then I can ask the Minister also to give short replies.

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

**Allotment of New Book stalls to Co-operative societies of Unemployed Graduates ...**

\*131. **SHRI P. M. MEHTA:**  
**SHRI V. MAYAVAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Unemployed Graduates forming Co-operative Societies have been offered new book stalls on Railway Stations;

(b) whether this offer has evoked poor response; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):** (a) Yes Sir, applications from Cooperative Societies of unemployed graduates were invited for award of bookstalls at Stations.

(b) Yes.

(c) A minimum of 10 or 11 persons have to come together for forming a Cooperative Society. To remove this difficulty, it has now been decided to allot bookstalls also to:—

(i) An association of unemployed educated youngmen registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860, if, on verification from State Government authorities, it is ascertained that this is permitted by that Act.

(ii) Two or more educated unemployed men entering into a partnership deed.

**Display of duty Lists in goods sheds (Western Railway)**

\*132. **SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:**  
**SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Goods Sheds of Western Railway, the Duty Lists are not being exhibited for the staff working there;

(b) whether according to the normal rules, exhibition of the duty lists is necessary at the place of working; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which the Duty Lists are not exhibited and the action taken by Government to do the same now?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):** (a) to (c). In accordance with the extent rules, it is not obligatory on Railways to exhibit the duty lists of Railway servants.

**Project for Diversion of Godavari waters to Cauvery Basin**

\*133. **SHRI N. K. SANGHI:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1948, the erstwhile composite State of Madras had investigated the possibility of diverting the Godavari waters to Cauvery basin and had prepared a project that could be completed in a decade;

(b) whether the water discharge of Godavari is the highest in India and that at present only 10 per cent of the water is utilised for irrigation and the rest of it flows to the Bay of Bengal; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up the above project as a first step in the execution of the proposed Ganga-Cauvery project?

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT):** (a) No project envisaging of diversion of Godavari waters to the Cauvery basin had been received by the Government of India from the erstwhile State of Madras.

(b) The Ganga and the Brahmaputra are bigger than the Godavari in flow. Matters such as the precise availability of supplies in the Godavari river system, current use and the needs of the basin States are under adjudication by the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal.

2215 L. S.—2

(c) The National Water Grid is only a concept at present. When investigations are taken up for inter-regional transfers of waters to immunise some of the chronically drought affected areas, it is proposed to examine the possibilities of the use of surplus waters, if any, of the Godavari also.

**Impact of increase in the price of crude Oil on Fertilizers**

\*134. **SHRI H. M. PATEL:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the recent rise in crude oil price will result in an increase in fertilizer prices; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the manufacturers are enable to charge prices which will be remunerative?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN):** (a) and (b). The prices of petroleum products used by the fertilizer industry are reviewed and revised where necessary from time to time, with reference to the crude oil prices. When such revisions are made, the question of effecting appropriate adjustments in the prices of controlled fertilizers is also considered. In fact, the prices of these fertilizers were recently increased to offset the recent increase in the naphtha price.

**Production of Motor Spirit and Naphtha at Madras oil Refinery**

\*135. **SHRI MOHANRAJ KALINGARAYAR:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of Motor Spirit during 1971-72 by Madras Oil Refinery;