

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** I hope so, Sir.

#### TUNGABHADRA PROJECT

\*256. **Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Tungabhadra Project made so far;

(b) the area that has been brought under irrigation during 1953;

(c) what items of the Project work are still incomplete; and

(d) when the whole Project will be completed?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (c). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 17.]

(b) *Hyderabad side:* So far 4,000 acres are under irrigation; it is likely that another 2,000 acres will be added by the end of the year.

*Andhra/Mysore side:* Nil.

(d) *Dam and Appurtenant Works:* 30th June 1954. Erection of spillway gates including grooves and operation bridges—before the flood season of 1955.

*Hyderabad side:*

Canal.....1956-57

*Andhra/Mysore side:*

Canal..... June 1954

Power supply.....September 1956

**Shri Nanadas:** In view of the fact that almost the major portion of the work is completed, may I know whether the work on the Tungabhadra High Level Canal will be taken up? If so, when?

**Shri Hathi:** Only the construction of the dam is complete. The canal system is yet to be done.

**Shri Nanadas:** Am I to understand that the work on the High Level Can-

al will not be taken up in the near future?

**Shri Hathi:** That depends after this Project is completed. That may be taken up later on, but not so soon.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know when the water will be given up to mile 173?

**Shri Hathi:** The main canal up to mile 173 is ready, but the distributaries are not ready.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know by what time the power development will be completed?

**Shri Hathi:** 1956, Sir.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know the reasons for the water not being available for Andhra and Mysore canals when the Hyderabad canal is irrigating 4,000 acres at present?

**Shri Hathi:** As I said, the canal system is not yet ready, Sir.

#### SHIP-BUILDING

\*258. **Shri Jethalal Joshi:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to reduce the subsidy given to the ship-building yard at Visakhapatnam by reducing the cost of ship-building?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** The proposal of the Hindustan Shipyard Limited for the development of the shipyard, the implementation of which is expected to bring down the cost of construction of ships, is under the consideration of the Government. Certain other measures have been taken already by the Board of Directors in order to bring down the cost.

**Shri Jethalal Joshi:** May I know if the Government consider it advisable to increase the tonnage of merchant and other shipping as a programme for reducing the incidence of unemployment and, if so, how much tonnage is to be increased this year?