

(b) the total number of manufactures and the number of heads under which they have been classified ?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 63.]

Shri M. R. Krishna : Since the report for 1952 is still in print may I know what difficulties Government find in having the report printed in time ?

Shri Karmarkar : Printing is done in time but the difficulty is that we do not receive adequate census statistics from the States. With a view to expedite matters we wish to take action under the recent Industrial Statistics Act passed by this House.

Shri M. R. Krishna : From the statement I find that only 29 out of 63 heads of industries are covered by the census operations. May I know the categories that have been left out and why ?

Shri Karmarkar : They are not left out. I wish my friend had read the statement more carefully. For the present the census has been confined to the first 29 of the 63 industries listed.

Revised Estimates of River Valley Projects

*2346. **Shri N. M. Lingam :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the revised estimates in respect of six river valley projects viz Bhakra Nangal, Hirakud, Damodar Valley, Kosi, Chambal and Rihand reveal an increase of Rs. 150 crores on the original costs ; and

(b) what the final estimates for these projects are likely to be ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) Yes, Sir. Details of the various revisions of estimates were given in the "Memorandum on the points raised during the budget debate etc." which was placed on the Table of the House on the 7th May, 1955.

(b) A statement explaining the present position is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 64].

Shri N. M. Lingam : From the statement it is seen that the difference between the original estimates and the revised estimates is of the order of Rs. 193 crores in respect of 5 projects and the revised

estimate in respect of one project—Kosi—is not yet ready. May I know if the Government has investigated the causes for this almost doubling of the original cost in the revised estimates which are themselves not final and if so whether they have succeeded in preparing a basic schedule of rates applicable to all the projects of the country ?

Shri Hathi : Yes, Sir. The Government have gone into the reasons and as would be seen the reasons for increase in cost are mainly due to the expansion of the scope of the project, the rise in the prices of machinery, labour wages etc. For example, Bhakra Nangal project—if the hon. Member refers to the statement—was originally estimated to cost Rs. 75 crores. Subsequently the height of the Dam was raised to 100 feet. Naturally, that has led to an increase in the cost in respect of that project. Similarly, extension of the transmission lines from Damodar Valley Corporation and more area covered under irrigation are factors responsible for rise in cost there. These are all dealt with in detail in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

Shri N. M. Lingam : May I know how much of this increase of Rs. 193 crores represents the cost of additional schemes and how much of it represents the changes in the schedule of rates ?

Shri Hathi : Perhaps it will be difficult to state here the figures asked for by the hon. Member in respect of each of the projects, but as an instance I can give one or two figures only. For example in respect of Hirakud Dam, increase in wages is responsible for an increase in the cost by Rs. 1.8 crores; increase in the cost of machinery is responsible for an increase in cost of Rs. 14.4 crores ; increase in the value of land acquisition represents Rs. 4.5 crores of the increase and others Rs. 2.3 crores. All this accounts for an increase in the cost by about Rs. 23 crores. Similarly we have got figures for other projects also.

Shri N. M. Lingam : May I know if a scheme of better cost accounting in all the schemes is proposed and may I also know the difference between the highest and the lowest rate for the same item in the projects we have undertaken ?

Shri Hathi : We have appointed a Rates Committee which goes into the whole question in details. It has already submitted an interim report and we shall be able to fix up and decide all the points that are raised by Members here.

Shri Sinhasan Singh : May I know what was the original estimate for Hirakud Dam, what is the latest estimate for it and when it is going to be completed ?

Shri Hathi : They are mentioned in the statement. It was Rs. 48 crores and it has been raised to Rs. 70.78 crores. It will be completed by July, 1956.

Shri G. P. Sinha : May I know whether the actual cost of Kosi project is less than the estimated cost and, if so, what is the reason ?

Shri Hathi : We have just started that project and therefore the question of actual cost does not arise now.

Coal out-put

*2349. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha :** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to step up the out-put of coal in the Serampore and Kurhurbaree Collieries of Giridih in view of the requirements for the Second Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the specific steps taken in the matter ; and

(c) the number of additional labour likely to be needed ?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra) : (a) and (b). Government have decided to set up a Technical Committee to report on measures to be adopted for maintaining the coal output from these old mines at the present level, or alternatively, on the desirability of closing them down on account of their diminishing reserves and uneconomic working.

(c) There is little scope for recruitment of additional labour.

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha : May I know whether the Government have reports as to the number of layers of coal deposits which are there and, if so, what would be the approximate quantity of the deposits which can be extracted ?

Shri Satish Chandra : There are even now reserves of coal in these mines and they are estimated according to some old calculations, at 14 million tons. A technical committee has been appointed to go again into this question. The raising of coal from these mines is becoming difficult because they have already been worked for 85 years.

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha : May I know if this technical committee has started its work ?

Shri Satish Chandra : It is shortly going to begin its work and it is expected to submit its report within a few months.

Shri S. C. Samanta : May I know whether this technical committee has given advice that this coal may be used after washing ?

Shri Satish Chandra : Coal in these collieries is of a very good quality. Difficulties are being experienced in taking it out economically on account of the depth of the mine and greater quantity of water into them. Some technical problems are in fact coming in the way. They are to be investigated by this committee.

Vamsadhara Project

*2350. **Shri Sanganna :** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 353 on the 2nd August, 1955 regarding the Vamsadhara Project and state :

(a) whether the Government of India have received the views of the Government of Orissa in the matter; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa propose to take up the scheme independently and not in collaboration with Andhra State ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Sanganna : May I know whether this scheme is included by the Government of Andhra in the second Five Year Plan ?

Shri Hathi : There is a proposal for inclusion.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know whether the Central Government is aware that the Andhra Government and the Orissa Government have entered into an agreement as regards the execution of the Vamsadhara project ?

Shri Hathi : I do not think the agreement is finalised yet.

भिलाई का इस्पात का कारखाना

*२३५१. **श्री जांगड़े :** क्या लोहा और इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भिलाई के प्रायोजित लोहे के कारखाने की प्रारम्भिक भवस्था के क्या क्या कार्य पहले ही प्रारम्भ किये जा चुके हैं, भववा १९५५-५६ के भीतर प्रारम्भ किये जाने की प्राशा है, और उस में किन्तने व्यक्त काम पर लगाये जायेंगे;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि कमचारिकों की भर्ती छत्तीसगढ़ के बाहर अन्य स्थानों से की जा रही है; और