

**SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA :** There is no statutory control over the prices of paper; it is governed through *ad hoc* bodies, and it is regulated through a gentlemen's agreement.

**SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :** My question has not been replied to. I know that there is no statutory control. I wanted to know whether the Government had allowed paper mills to increase the price of paper, maybe *ad hoc*.

**SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA :** There has been some increase, no doubt. As I said, I am painfully aware that the prices have gone up.

**SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :** In view of the acute shortage of paper in the country I would like to know whether Government has come to a final decision regarding the proposed paper mills in Cachar District and Hozoi in Assam?

**SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA :** We are putting up a paper plant in Assam and in Nagaland for production of pulp and paper.

उत्तराखण्ड में सिंचाई तथा बिजली के उत्पादन के लिये बांध का निर्माण

\* 187. श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह शिष्ट : क्या सिंचाई और बिजली मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्र सरकार ने उत्तराखण्ड में सिंचाई तथा बिजली के उत्पादन के लिए एक बांध का निर्माण करने की कोई परियोजना तयार की है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में नवीनतम स्थिति क्या है?

सिंचाई और बिजली मन्त्रालय में उपस्थित श्री जयकांत शर्मा (क) और (ख) विवरण तथा बटल पर रखा जाता है।

सिंचाई

उत्तराखण्ड में 17.7 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित लागत की नवरी जलविद्युत परियोजना

विद्युत 105,000 किलोवाट क्षमता का प्रति-ष्ठापन परिकल्पित है, पहले से ही उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा निर्माणाधीन है।

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने इस क्षेत्र में निम्न-लिखित लघु-जल-विद्युत परियोजनाओं भी स्थापित की हैं :—

क्षमता	किलोवाट
तेजम जलविद्युत	10
चमोली जलविद्युत	600
बदरीनाथ जलविद्युत	30
पीपलकोटी जलविद्युत	5
सिमली जलविद्युत	5
उत्तर काशी जलविद्युत	600
भाबुधारी जलविद्युत	50

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार जैसा कि नीचे दिखाया गया है, इस क्षेत्र में कुछ और जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं का भी अनुसंधान कर रही है :—

स्कीम	प्रस्तावित क्षमता (मेगावाट)
हनुमान चट्टी-	25
पाण्डु कैलवार	
विष्णु प्रयाग	200
तकोबन-विष्णु प्रयाग	138
विष्णु प्रयाग-पीपलकोटी	100
बेवाला-नन्द प्रयाग	80
नन्द प्रयाग-संगासू	40
शैली गंगा	120
लोहारी नाग	75
गणौरी	90
भट्करी	50
लता	45
उत्तर काशी	130
धर्मसू	32

उत्तराखण्ड की स्वाभाविक वृष्टि और सम्पन्न सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से सिंचाई के लिए उपयुक्त नहीं है।

श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जो स्केटमेंट सभा-घटक पर रखा गया है, वह तो मैंने देखा नहीं है। उसको देखे बिना मैं सवाल कैसे कर सकता हूँ? मेरे घर पर कोई कागज नहीं थाया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इन सबालों के जवाब नोटिस आफिस और लाइब्रेरी में रख देते हैं। माननीय सदस्य अपने सबालों के जवाब वहाँ देख सकते हैं।

श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट : क्या यह सत्य नहीं है कि मंत्री महोदय पंचेश्वर डैम पर गये थे और उन्होंने यह घोषणा की थी कि पंचेश्वर डैम का साइट हिन्दुस्तान में सब से उत्तम साइट है; यदि हाँ, तो क्या कारण है कि उस डैम का काम बहुत धीमी गति से चल रहा है? जहाँ तक टेहरी डैम का सम्बन्ध है, उसके लिए 200 करोड़ रुपये मन्कूर हो चुके हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसके काम में क्या प्रगति हुई है।

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRI) (DR. K. L. RAO) : The question was with reference to Uttarakhand. Both these projects are outside Uttarakhand; that is why I did not give the information in the statement. Uttarakhand consists of only three districts—Uttar Kashi, Chamoli and Pithoragarh. But I will answer the question.

MR. SPEAKER : I am nowhere in the picture. The Minister is keen to answer the question.

DR. K. L. RAO : The hon. Member has asked a few questions. About Pancheshwar, it is a very good site. I have been there. It is an excellent one. But, unfortunately, the river Sharda is a boundary river between Nepal and India. We have got to get consent from Nepal. We are in

correspondence with them. Nothing has been settled as yet. Otherwise, if it is a very good site. It has a potentiality of 2 million KW of power. It is a very good project. As regards the Tehri project at a cost of Rs. 200 crores, nothing has been allotted to it. I wish something were allotted to it. I am going tonight to inspect the dam site. I hope, we will take it up shortly.

श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट : क्या सरकार बताएगी कि अगर नेपाल से कोई समझौता नहीं हुआ इस मामले में तो काम वहाँ बाजू कैसे है?

DR. K. L. RAO : It is an international river. One has got to be patient and discussions have to be held.

श्री इसहाक सम्मली : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह टेहरी डैम की योजना बहुत पुरानी योजना है, गाबिबन वस बारह साल पुरानी है, इसके बारे में कई बार फैसले भी हो चुके हैं कि यह बनाया जायगा, उसके लिए पैसे का भी कुछ एसाटमेंट हुआ था तो सरकार को टेहरी डैम बनाने में क्या चुकचारी पेश आ रही है? क्या यह सही है कि टेहरी डैम इसलिए भटका हुआ है कि राजमाता टेहरी गढ़वाल ने इस बारे में आबजेकशन किया है? उनका कहना है कि मेरा नगर इसमें डूब जाएगा इसलिए यह न बनाया जाए और इस वजह से सरकार इसकी सटाई में ढाले हुए है?

DR. K. L. RAO : I am afraid, the Rajmata need not be referred to here. But it is true that a beautiful town will be completely submerged when the dam is constructed. But that has not been the overriding consideration. The main difficulty is that we have got to have a very high dam and that is why the project has got to be considered carefully. We are going to try to settle that shortly.

श्री वैजुली : 12 वर्षों से टेहरी गढ़वाल के विकास की सारी प्रगति रुकी हुई है किन्ती इस वजह से कि डैम बनना है, तो क्या मंत्री महोदय बतायेंगे कि भारत सरकार द्वारा या प्रान्तीय सरकार द्वारा इसके बारे में क्या आश्वासन दिए गए हैं?

**DR. K. L. RAO :** It is true that development in Tehri town has been stopped because it was doubtful whether we will be submerging the town or not. I think, very likely, the project is going to be taken up and the town has got to be submerged. We cannot help it.

**Survey for Coastal Railway from Ernakulam to Quilon via Alleppey**

\*189. **SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenses for the survey to construct coastal Railway from Ernakulam to Quilon *via* Alleppey ;

(b) when the survey is likely to be completed ; and

(c) whether Government propose to start the construction work as soon as the survey report is received.

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) The estimated cost of traffic survey is Rs. 83,324/-.

(b) The survey will be completed by 31-8-1971.

(c) Not practicable, as the report has to be examined and decision taken.

**SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN :** Taking into consideration the fact that the foreign exchange earning traditional industrial products of Kerala, like cashew and coir products, could be easily and cheaply sent to Cochin Port and exported from there to foreign countries of this Railway line materials, will the Government assure this House that construction of line through the coastal area *via* Alleppey will be taken up ?

**SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA :** No assurance can be given.

**SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN :** In view of the fact that Kerala has very little railway line, will the Government give top priority to this line.

**SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA :** In my budget speech I have met the needs of Kerala to some extent by proposing conversion of metre gauge line from Cochin to Trivandrum. This line which is a gauge-

posing is a parallel one. If that conversion takes place, this will become superfluous.

**SHRI CHANDRAPAN :** The Minister in his last speech on the Railway Budget told that he will give special priority to the needs of Kerala in regard to railways. Not a single new rail line has been constructed there in Kerala for the last 15 years. Not a single kilometre of railway line has been constructed. Is it not a fact to show that Kerala is being neglected in this matter too ? I would like to know whether the Government would give top priority for constructing this line from Quilon to Cochin considering the industrial significance of that area.

**SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA :** He has to understand that this line would be a parallel line. I have already said about the conversion taking place. Will there be enough traffic for two lines within a distance of 20 miles ? I don't think so. This line he mentions is not a new line in the sense that there is no railway line in the area. This will be a parallel line.

**SHRI CHANDRAPAN :—rose.**

**MR. SPEAKER :** You cannot get anything more out of the Minister !

**SHRI CHANDRAPAN :** I want to know whether it is not a fact that there is not even a single kilometre of railway line constructed in Kerala for the past 15 years ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** Mr. Prabodh Chandra—Question 190, Member absent. Also, Members absent in regard to Questions 191 to 194. We pass on to Question No. 195.

**Dispute on Bansagar Dam Project, Madhya Pradesh**

\*195. **SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the dispute arising between Bihar and Madhya Pradesh Governments about the construction of Bansagar Dam Project in Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the main points of the dispute ; and