

Chiplima Project

*65. { Shri Surendranath
Dwivedy:
Shri Mallick:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 2295 on the 5th September, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the proposal to divert some power from Chiplima Project (the Second Stage of the Hirakud Project) to the coal-belt of West Bengal and Bihar has been finalised;

(b) which are the particular coal areas to which the power will be available; and

(c) what is the total quantity of power proposed to be transferred and for how many years and at which rate?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) The power is being pumped into the DVC grid which serves the coal fields of West Bengal and Bihar area.

(c) 25 MW, for a year initially. The rate for supply of power will be Rs. 5:50 per KVA per month, plus 8 n.P. per kwh.

Private Air Companies

*66. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several private air companies are combining to form one big air company;

(b) what are the new routes for which they are trying; and

(c) what are the regular daily freight trips they make and where?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohinddin): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Railway Bridge on Godavary at Rajahmundry

*67. **Shri D. B. Raju:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for additional Railway Bridge on Godavary at Rajahmundry has been sanctioned and Government have made any decision regarding the location of the Bridge;

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be taken up; and

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration to provide for road traffic on the present Railway Bridge on Godavary at Rajahmundry in order to connect Trunk Road?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). The doubling of track between Kovvur and Godavari (2.75 miles) including the construction of a second rail bridge on Godavari river, is under consideration. The rail bridge is likely to be located at a distance of about 400 ft. upstream of the existing bridge.

(c) No, Sir.

Detention of Vessels by East Pakistan

*68. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vessels belonging to a shipping company of Calcutta have been illegally detained recently by East Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether any reasons have been assigned by the East Pakistan Government; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government of India?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I., annexure No. 10].