

was planned and when the work on the project commenced and when it was to be completed; and

(b) the original estimated cost of the plant and the amount spent on it so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) Government approved the setting up of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) in June, 1979. The work on the project commenced in February, 1982. As per the Revised Rationalised Concept, the project was to be completed by June, 1990.

(b) The original cost estimates of the project approved by Government in June, 1979 were Rs. 2256 crores. The cost estimates revised to Rs. 3897.28 crores on the basis of a Detailed Project Report (at 4th quarter, 1981 prices) were approved in July, 1982 and again in June, 1988 to Rs. 6849.70 crores. The latest cost estimates submitted by the Management of VSP for Government's approval are Rs. 8349 crores (at 3rd quarter, 1991 prices). The cumulative expenditure on the project upto end of May, 1992 is Rs. 7491.55 crores.

Nathpa-Jhakri Dam in H.P.

2930. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made on the Nathpa-Jhakri Dam in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the amounts spent so far on the project;

(c) the number of persons employed for the construction work of the project; and

(d) the time by which the project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) At present infrastructure works of the project comprising land acquisition, pre-construction investigations, construction of project roads, residential and non-residential buildings, adit tunnels, 22 KV. HT Lines and 220/66/22 KV sub-station are under progress. Most of these works are likely to be completed during the current year 1992-93

fortaking up construction of main civil works from the year 1993-94.

(b) The amount spent on the project up to June, 1992 is estimated to Rs. 155.37 crores.

(c) A total number of 2659 (1591 Regular + 1068 Daily waged) persons have been employed for the construction work of the project.

(d) The project is scheduled to be commissioned by June, 1998.

Koel Karo Projects of Bihar

+2931. SHRI LALIT ORAON:
SHRI RAMDEW RAM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the villages to be effected in forest areas of Bihar as a result of the implementation of Koel Karo Project;

(b) the number of families likely to be displaced on this account;

(c) the details of the schemes of the Government for the rehabilitation of the families;

(d) the initial estimated cost of the project and the revised cost of the project;

(e) the amount spent so far on this project;

(f) the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(g) the percentage of power to be allocated to Bihar and to other States from this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No village in the forest area of Bihar is going to be affected as a result of implementation of Koel Karo Hydro-electric project.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The rehabilitation scheme includes