

(c) whether they have since been set free and charges, if any, against them withdrawn?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) The office of the Reserve Bank was situated inside the U. P. Secretariat compound. Six employees of the Bank were arrested by the police on the 13th May 1966 for allegedly having taken part in the demonstrations by the U.P. Government employees in front of the Secretariat. Two other employees, against whom warrants were issued, surrendered in the Court on the 16th May 1966.

(b) Government of India have no information.

(c) Two of the employees have since resumed their duties. The charges against the remaining six employees have not been so far withdrawn by the State Government.

Hongenakal Project

**3945. Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate has been prepared for the Hogenakal project in Mysore and Madras state;

(b) if so, the cost thereof;

(c) the power it is likely to generate and the area likely to be irrigated both in Madras and Mysore States;

(d) when the same will be taken up; and

(e) the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) and (b). According to the project report prepared by the Madras State Electricity Board, the estimated cost of the Hogenakal Project is Rs. 55.56 crores. The Government of Mysore are still investigating the Hogenakal project

and no estimate of cost has so far been prepared.

(c) The Hogenakal Project, as envisaged by Madras, is expected to afford a firm power potential of 440 MW at 60 per cent load factor and no irrigation works are included. The potentialities of the project under investigation by the Mysore Government are not yet known.

(d) and (e). The Project can be taken up only after the investigations of all alternatives are completed, the feasibility is established an agreed solution in regard to the inter-State and other aspects are evolved and project is approved for implementation.

Upper Krishna Project

**3946. Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 609 on the 17th March, 1966 and State:

(a) the final decision taken on the question of taking up the Upper Krishna Project as a Centrally sponsored scheme;

(b) its estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the area it is likely to irrigate in the arid zone of Mysore State with the expected food yield?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):

(a) The matter is still under consideration in the context of the General question regarding the manner of financing of large multi-purpose projects.

(b) and (c). The estimated cost of the revised Upper Krishna Project-Stage I, is Rs. 5900 lakhs. The Project is expected to irrigate an area of 6 lakh acres and the annual food production is likely to be of the order of 1.9 lakh tons.