

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2039. Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Ravindra Varma:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Medium and Minor Irrigation Projects in the famine-affected areas in Andhra Pradesh are held up for lack of financial assistance from the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what they are and the steps Government propose to take up for their sanction and speedy execution?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) and (b). No medium and minor irrigation project in the famine-affected areas in Andhra Pradesh is held up for lack of financial assistance from the Central Government.

Srisaillam Project

2040. Shri Kolla Venkaiah: Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations were received by the Prime Minister in June, 1966 for converting Srisaillam hydel project into Irrigation-cum-hydel Project;

(b) if so, from whom;

(c) the area which can be irrigated under the project;

(d) the additional cost of the project; and

(e) the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a). No.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Consultancy Organisation for Thermal Power Stations

2041. Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

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

(a) whether Government have set up a Consultancy Organisation for the designing and installation of hydro and thermal power stations in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad constitution and functions of this organisation?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) and (b). A Specialised Engineering Organisation was set up by the Government of India in 1961 in the Central Water and Power Commission (Power Wing) for rendering consultancy services for the designing and installation of Hydro and Thermal Power Stations in the country. The Organisation consists of two Units, one dealing with hydro and the other with thermal Power Stations. Each Unit is supervised by a Member in the Power Wing of the Central Water and Power Commission. The Organisation provides consultancy services covering engineering, design, procurement and installation of large Thermal and Hydro Power Stations, to the various Project Authorities and the State Electricity Boards. Such services are paid for by the Project Authorities/State Electricity Boards, on time and cost basis.

L.I.C. Employees

2042. Shri Ram Sewak Yadav: Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Life Insurance Corporation have submitted a Memorandum which was passed by the Conference held in Bombay from 30th September to 3rd October, 1964 to Government in regard to some of their demands; and