

delegating special powers to General Managers and contacting the Scheduled Caste Organisations working in the area to supply suitable candidates. Railway Inspectors are also deputed to areas where there is concentration of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes with a view to attract suitable candidates.

(c) The shortfall has decreased proportionately in all categories except in certain technical categories.

Supply of Power Generating Equipment from Russia

- *468. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:
- { Shri Morarka:
- { Shri K. N. Tiwary:
- { Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
- { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
- { Shri Umanath:
- { Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No: 1258 on the 4th June, 1962 and state:

(a) whether any result has come out of the negotiations held with Government of Russia in advancing the dates of supply of the power equipment;

(b) if so, what will be the shortfall in the Third Plan Power target;

(c) whether any favourable results have come out after the Russian Economic Counsellors' visit to Moscow;

(d) whether the delivery of the machinery will be completed by the end of the Third Five Year Plan; and

(e) if not, when it will be completed and what efforts have been made

to avoid or minimise the shortfall and how far we have succeeded?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (e). The question of advancing the dates of delivery of the plant and equipment to be supplied by the U.S.S.R. for thermal power stations was discussed with the Deputy Vice-Chairman of the State Committee of the Council of Ministers of U.S.S.R. for Foreign Economic Relations, during his visit to Delhi on 27th July, 1962. He agreed to arrange for supply of all the generating units in question during the Third Five Year Plan period, excepting one unit of 100 MW for Pathratu, which will be supplied in the first quarter of 1967. Shortfall in the Third Plan target on this account will be 50 MW only.

Diesel Engines from U.S.A.

*469, Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first lot of six U.S. Diesel Engines out of 47 engines has been received by the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, how they have been put to use; and

(c) when the rest of the 47 engines are expected to be received by the Northern Railway?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After initial examination and trial, they will be utilised by about the end of August, 1962 for working through goods trains between Moghal-sarai and Rosa.

(c) Between September and November, 1962.