

laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-2418/64].

(c) The Reserve Bank of India will examine the recommendations in the first instance and furnish their comments to Government whereafter Government will consider what action should be taken on the recommendations.

Rural Electrification

- *346. { Shri Maheswar Naik:
- { Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
- { Shri N. R. Laskar:
- { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
- { Shri Subodh Hansda:
- { Shri Warrior:
- { Shri Vasudevan Nair:
- { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
- { Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
- { Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) the progress achieved towards rural electrification in the country and the extent to which it conforms to the schedule set out in the plan;

(b) the State-wise figures in this regard; and

(c) the estimated targets at the end of the Third Five Year Plan, after the mid-term appraisal of the Plan achievements?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) to (c). A statement indicating the progress made in regard to the rural electrification in the country is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-2419/64].

Dandakaranya Development Project

*347. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question

No. 403 on the 5th December, 1963 and state:

(a) the recommendations of the Dandakaranya Development Authority as to the future development programme of Dandakaranya;

(b) the extent to which the Dandakaranya Development Authority project for the execution of the relevant Third Plan schemes is behind schedule; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite the implementation of the schemes?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) The Dandakaranya Development Authority approved a Revised Project Report and forwarded it to the Government for consideration. The programme as outlined in that Report will, however, have to be modified in the light of the recent heavy influx of migrants from East Pakistan.

(b) and (c). The execution of the Project during the Third Plan period has generally been according to schedule.

Jhelum Project

- *348. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:
- { Shri B. P. Yadava:
- { Shri Dhaon:
- { Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
- { Shri D. D. Mantri:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir have submitted a scheme to the Central Government for a Hydrel Project on lower Jhelum in Kashmir Valley;

(b) if so, the cost on this project; and

(c) the extent of financial assistance to be provided by the Centre for the execution of the project?