

**Shrimati Laxmibai:**  
 { **Shri Hari Vishnu Karanth:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Buta Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Works and Housing** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee consisting of Central Government officials and representatives of contractors is proposed to be set up to rationalise the procedures relating to tenders and payment for work done by contractors and to enquire into the mode of corruption in the Government contractor dealings;

(b) whether any basic qualifications for recognition of contractors have been prescribed; and

(c) when the Committee will submit its report?

**The Minister of Works and Housing (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) Yes.

(b) The basic qualifications are laid down in the Rules for enlistment of contractors in the C.P.W.D.

(c) The Committee submitted its report on the 19th September, 1964.

#### Power Stations

\*529. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**

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

(a) whether Government propose to make a close study of the working of the power stations in the country;

(b) if so, whether any study group has been formed for the purpose; and

(c) what are its terms of reference?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Study Group has been set up; but the studies are being conducted by the Central Water and Power Commission.

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(c) The object of the study is to formulate recommendations for improving the efficiency and economy of thermal power stations.

#### 'C' Power Station

\*530. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the turbines of the 'C' Power Station, New Delhi are still subject to vibrations; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The machine is under guarantee for a period of three years, commencing from 10th September, 1963, the date on which it was commissioned. Vibrations were first noticed on 3rd March, 1964, about six months after commissioning. The machine was realigned by the engineers of the suppliers and started working satisfactorily from 10th April 1964; but vibrations were again noticed on the 17th August, 1964. The engineers of M/s Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisa Ltd, of Japan, the suppliers of the machine have since then been attending to make necessary adjustments to reduce the vibrations to the permissible limits.

#### T.B. Patients in Orissa

1617. **Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:** Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T. B. patients at present in the State of Orissa as per the survey conducted by the National Council of Survey;

(b) the nature of assistance given by the Centre to the State Government of Orissa for the treatment of these T. B. patients; and