

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Rameshwar Sahu):** (a) Yes. The bank rate was raised to 5 per cent with effect from the 26th September, 1964.

(b) The rate was increased in the context of certain other decisions, which were also mentioned in a statement made in the House at that time. It cannot be said that the bank rate, by itself, has influenced the upward trend in the price level at present. It is expected that in the long run it might have, to some extent, a reverse effect.

#### Irrigation Projects

- \*114. { Shri Vishram Prasad:  
Shri Bagri:  
Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Shri K. N. Tiwary:  
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has advised the States to review their existing major and medium irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) Yes Sir. In September, 1963 two Teams, each headed by a Member, Central Water & Power Commission were constituted to go round all the States and review the progress of major and medium irrigation schemes. The State Governments were requested to assist them in the review. The review has since been completed.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3407/64].

#### Medical Treatment of the late Prime Minister

- \*116. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:  
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:

Will the Minister of Health be

pleased to state:

(a) whether her attention has been drawn towards certain press reports that the late Prime Minister was not given adequate medical treatment on the night of the 26th May, 1964;

(b) whether any inquiry has been made to find out the basis for such reports; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) to (c). No such reports have come to notice. The facts of the case are that the late Prime Minister was in a very satisfactory condition when he went to his bed on 26th night. The fatal episode occurred towards the early morning hours of 27th May. All arrangements for emergency treatment were always kept ready in the adjoining room. The Prime Minister was given every treatment that was indicated but unfortunately it was of no avail.

#### दिल्ली में जल का दूषित हो जाना

- \*117. { श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :  
श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :  
श्री यशपाल सिंह :  
श्री विभूति मिश्र :  
श्री क० ना० तिवारी :  
श्री बागड़ी :  
श्री विश्राम प्रसाद :  
डा० श्रीनिवासन :  
श्री दी० चं० शर्मा :

क्या स्वास्थ्य मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दिनों दिल्ली में जो जल दूषित हो गया था वह किस तारीख तक दूषित रहा ;

(ख) क्या बाढ़ के अतिरिक्त कुछ अन्य कारणों से भी जल दूषित हुआ था ; और