

Expenditure of D.V.C.

*1110. **Shri Mohammad Elias:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Dr. Ramen Sen:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that financial working of power supply activity of the Damodar Valley Corporation is not satisfactory due to continuous increase in the working expenditure, which includes top-heavy administration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the condition has further worsened due to other indirect expenditure, which has no bearing on power supply, being borne on power account; and

(c) the steps taken for the reduction of unnecessary expenditure in all fronts?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):

(a) and (b). No, Sir. During the course of past few years, the working expenses have shown increase. But that is due to several factors, such as increase in the tempo of construction work, rise in the price of coal, provision of emergency insurance and bonus, sanction of increased dearness allowance to the staff etc. Only relevant expenditure allocable to Power under the Act is charged.

(c) A number of steps are being taken from time to time to achieve economy and efficiency. These consist of transfer of maintenance of navigation canal and fisheries section to concerned authorities, not filling up the vacant posts and review of the staff of the various departments.

Development of Mizo Hills

*1111. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**
 Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Government in consultation

with the Planning Commission are drawing up an integrated programme for the large-scale development of cash-crops, marketing facilities and communication in the Mizo Hills;

(b) if so, the main features of the plan; and

(c) the total amount of expenditure involved therein?

The Minister of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) to (c). At the suggestion of Chief Minister, Assam, a Joint Centre-State Study Team has studied the progress of development and lines of future development in the Hill Districts of Assam, including agricultural and forest development, communications and other aspects. The Study Team visited the Mizo Hills District in January and the other Districts in February and March. The Assam officers on the Study Team have been engaged in working out detailed proposals. These are to be examined in the near future.

केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क विभाग के सहायक इंस्पेक्टरों के पदों का दर्जा बढ़ाना:

*1112. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
 क्या वित्त मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने 1960 में स्थापित की गई केन्द्रीय उत्पादन-शुल्क पुनर्गठन समिति की सिफारिशों पर विचार कर लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उसकी सभी सिफारिशों को स्वीकार कर लिया गया था और लागू कर दिया गया था ;

(ग) क्या उन में से एक सिफारिश सहायक इंस्पेक्टरों के पद के दर्जा बढ़ाने के बारे में थी और क्या वह सिफारिश स्वीकार कर ली गई है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?