

as I said, the statement gives the details of the steps and when we are able to get power from those sources, it will be possible to meet all the demands.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know the number of times there was break-down in power-supply during the last three months?

Shri O. V. Alagesan: Unfortunately, there were breakdowns and to look into the question of frequent and unfortunate break-downs, a committee has been appointed. They are at present seized of the matter.

Mr. Speaker: Is the number of times that power broke down known?

Shri O. V. Alagesan: There is a question coming later on. I do not know exactly the number of times there were breakdowns.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: From the statement it is found that the installation of various steam generating sets will be over in 1963 or 1964. Item No. (iii) of the statement is: "arranging for additional supply of 20 MW from the Bhakra-Nangal system in July, 1962". I want to know whether it is likely to be completed in July 1962?

Shri Alagesan: It is proposed to take 20 MW from the Bhakra-Nangal system.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether it will be completed in July or at least in 1962?

Shri Alagesan: It will be possible to get that power from the Bhakra-Nangal system.

Shri Priya Gupta: This interruption or break-down, whatever terminology you may apply, in power, is it due to tripping of the overload relays or due to any other mechanical defect?

Shri Alagesan: I think the reason for break-down is the tripping of the transmission lines.

Shri Priya Gupta: Due to overload?

Shri Alagesan: It is due to tripping of.

Pipes for Imphal Water Supply

*662. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacture of pipes for Imphal Water Supply has been started at Imphal;

(b) if so, the number of pipes to be manufactured and expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(c) the progress of the work so far; and

(d) the time by which the manufacture of pipes will be completed?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 7520 pipes will be manufactured at an approximate cost of Rs. 40.7 lakhs.

(c) 19 pipes have been manufactured so far.

(d) About 2 years.

Shri Rishang Keishing: In view of the fact that the Imphal water supply scheme is an old one carried over from the First Five Year Plan to the Second Five Year Plan and from the Second Five Year Plan to the Third Five Year Plan, and the requirement of the pipes is the most important item for this water supply scheme, may I know why the Government has thought it proper to start the manufacture of the pipes after a lapse of ten years?

Dr. D. S. Raju: It is not actually ten years, it was only in the year 1960 that an order was placed on a private company called the Himalayan Tiles and Marbles (Private) Limited.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member says that the project was started or taken up in the First Five Year Plan, and he wants to know why the manufacture of these pipes has been taken up after so many years.

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): Unfortunately, Sir, it is true that this scheme has been postponed

from the First to the Second and from the Second to the Third Plan. Originally orders were placed with certain parties. The scheme did not materialise. They let down the Government. Ultimately it was decided to have the pipes manufactured in India. The firm had certain difficulties in getting the iron sheets of a particular specification. Now, Sir, arrangements have been made for the supply of those sheets with the help of the Ministry of Steel and they have started manufacturing the pipes. It is expected that the scheme will have no further mishaps.

Shri Rishang Keishing: Are the Government aware of the fact that pipes of various sizes ranging from 7" to 18" in diameter worth a few lakhs of rupees were purchased by the Manipur Administration for this water supply scheme; if so, may I know what the Government has done with those pipes and how the question of manufacturing pipes at this late hour has arisen?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: There was an order placed at one stage and some pipes were also supplied, but then the scheme could not proceed any further as it was found to be defective. So the project was given up and a decision taken to manufacture the pipes locally.

Shri Rishang Keishing: May I know how the pipes manufactured here compared with the pipes imported from outside in price and also quality?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: I do not have the figures with me, but I understand that the scheme that is now proposed is more desirable both from the quality and price point of view.

Shortage of Inland Letters in Delhi

*663. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in the beginning of the current financial year there has been an acute shortage of inland letters in Delhi?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagwati): Yes, I regret to say that there was a temporary shortage of inland letter cards in Delhi.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know the reason for the short supply of inland letters in the capital?

Shri B. Bhagwati: There was a fall in production of inland letters because there was an acute shortage of paper supply. There were some other reasons also, like delay in the movement etc. The main reason is the short supply of papers.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Fire in I.A.C. Skymaster

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Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire broke out in an Indian Airlines Corporation skymaster in the afternoon of 3rd May, 1962;

(b) whether many persons were seriously injured; and

(c) whether all of them are surviving?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). Only 4 persons were seriously injured; 3 of whom are out of danger.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether it is possible now to ascertain the cause of this fire?

Shri Mohiuddin: The investigation is going on. We have not yet received the report.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: What is the condition of the four injured persons now?

Shri Mohiuddin: I have stated that three of them are out of danger. I