

(c) how it will be distributed between Madras and Kerala States?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c). Do not arise

#### Barauni Thermal Power Plant

\*944. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have given clearance orders for Barauni Thermal Power Station equipment being placed with the agents in India of a Yugoslav concern,

(b) whether the Central Government, while doing so, have laid down any conditions as to the contract to be signed between the Bihar State Government and the said concern,

(c) if so, the nature of such conditions;

(d) whether any programme as to the functioning of such plants has been laid down, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (e) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix III, annexure No 55]

#### Hotel Cecil

\*945 Shri Keshava: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether Government is aware that Hotel Cecil in Delhi is going to be closed down;

(b) whether it is a fact that closing down of this Hotel would further aggravate the problem of acute shortage of hotel accommodation in Delhi for foreign tourists;

(c) whether Government is aware that the type of accommodation and environments that are available in this hotel have always been and would in

future also be attractive to foreign tourists; and

(d) whether this hotel has ever been a losing concern?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The shortage will be only for a short period.

(c) On the contrary, tourists prefer to stay in hotels in New Delhi as they are more centrally located

(d) No, according to the information available in the Ministry of Transport and Communications

#### Missing of an Insured Parcel

\*946. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that an insured cover containing currency notes worth Rs 25,000 was found missing from the General Post Office at Amritsar in August, 1959, and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

The Minister of Transport and Communications and Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes

(b) The matter was immediately reported to the Police and a joint enquiry by Superintendents of Post Offices Amritsar and Jullundur Divisions and Superintendent of R M S Division was ordered

#### Reclamation of Sunderbans Areas

\*947 { Shri S. C. Sumanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 906 on the 4th March, 1959 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Netherland Government's Engineering expert, Dr. P. Hansen, has submitted a report on the feasibility of the