

**Over-Payments to C.P.W.D.  
Contractors**

\*267. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether overpayments to the tune of Rs. 21 lakhs have been made to the C.P.W.D. Contractors during the period from 1957 to 1959;

(b) whether over-payments have been made in 786 cases;

(c) whether Vigilance Division of the Home Ministry has recorded these facts; and

(d) the action taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) Over-payments of Rs. 20,76,514 were provisionally assessed by the Chief Technical Examiner's Organisation as recoverable from the contractors during the period 1957 to 1959.

(b) The Chief Technical Examiner's assessment of overpayment covers 786 cases.

(c) Vigilance Division of the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply has taken action wherever necessary, both against defaulting officers and contractors. The return of the cases where action is initiated or taken is periodically forwarded to the Vigilance Organisation of the Home Ministry.

(d) Action was taken against some of the contractors by either warning them or suspending business with them for a specified period or by black-listing them, besides effecting recovery of overpayments and/or rectification of defects. Similarly, disciplinary action was also taken against the officials concerned.

**Heavy Electrical Plants**

\*268. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Sardar Iqbal Singh:**  
**Shri A. M. Tariq:**  
**Shri Warrior:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri S. R. Arumugham:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 268 on the 22nd February, 1960 and state the nature of further progress since made in setting up two heavy electrical plants?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** A Committee of Technical experts has already been constituted to discuss details regarding the production programme of the two projects with Soviet and Czech experts and also to recommend suitable sites for the location of these projects. Preliminary project studies are expected to be submitted by the Soviet and Czech experts shortly. These will be examined by the Technical Committee and recommendations will be made to the Government with regard to the items to be manufactured, production, location of units, etc. ....

**Export of Tobacco to U.K.**

\*269. { **Shri Warrior:**  
**Shri Vasudevan Nair:**  
**Shri A. K. Gopalan:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Tobacco exports to U.K. have gone down considerably in 1959 owing to Rhodesian competition;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to regain the lost ground?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) Exports of Indian tobacco to the