

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Only small experimental quantities have been produced in the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore. The composition of synthetic rice is adjusted, so as to be slightly better than that of natural rice. The synthetic grain cooks in 8 to 10 minutes as compared with the natural grain, which takes about 20 minutes. Cooked synthetic grain can be used for various food preparations in the same way as natural rice.

SCIENTIFIC WORKS IN INDIA

*808. **Shri Raghavaiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether any report has been received from the Secretary of the Government of India, Shri Bhatnagar, regarding his experiences in the U.S.S.R. during his recent visit?

(b) If so, will his report or a gist of it be placed on the Table of the House?

(c) Have the Government considered any aspect of his report from the point of view of application to improve Scientific work in India?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the contents of the report.

(c) Government always welcome suggestions from all quarters, which are likely to effect improvement in scientific work.

POLICE CAMPS IN TRIPURA

*809. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of States be pleased to state how many new police camps have been established in the rural areas of Tripura after the General Elections?

(b) How many school buildings have been requisitioned for the purpose?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): The answer to both (a) and (b) of the question is 'nil'.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION

*810. **Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Bank for Development and Reconstruction

has made any profit since its inception;

(b) if so, the percentage of profit for each year and how the profit is being utilised; and

(c) whether there is any difference in the working of this Bank and the working of an ordinary Bank?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri M. C. Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) I place a statement on the Table of the House furnishing the required information. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 50].

(c) The main difference between the working of an ordinary bank and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development are in respect of their lending policies and their source of funds. The International Bank advances long term loans to its constituents for economic development whereas an ordinary bank is able to grant only short term advances. This is because the funds of an ordinary bank are derived mostly from short term deposits. On the other hand the resources of the International Bank are derived from the contributions made by the member countries towards its share capital and from long term bonds floated by the Bank from time to time in the international money markets. Another important difference is that unlike an ordinary bank, the International Bank in granting a loan is guided by the economic need of the recipient country rather than profitability.

THERMAL PLANT

*811. **Shri Punnoose:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether licence has been given to the Tata Hydro Electric Company to set up a Thermal Plant at Trombay;

(b) if so, whether a new company is supposed to come into existence and what is its authorised capital;

(c) whether Government have a share in the capital or management of the concern; and

(d) whether negotiations are afoot with the International Bank for a loan for this plant and if so, what is the basis of such negotiations?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri M. C. Shah): (a) No licence has yet been given, but negotiations have been going on and Tatas are applying for a licence.