

Tourist Publicity in Foreign Newspapers

*1336. **Shri Samnani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on tourist publicity in foreign newspapers and other publications during 1960-61 and 1961-62;

(b) names of foreign advertising agencies in Britain and U.S.A. which are handling this publicity job.

(c) when are the contracts with these advertising agencies going to end;

(d) whether the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting also came into the picture when these jobs were given to these agencies?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 1960-61—Rs. 18 lakhs.

1961-62—Rs. 21 lakhs.

(b) In the U.K. M/s. James Sutherland Publicity Ltd. In U.S.A. M/s. James Seix and Co.

(c) The agreements with these firms are not for a fixed period but subject to review and termination, if necessary. The agreement with M/s. Sutherland Publicity Ltd, London, is likely to be terminated by the end of 1962. The arrangement with M/s. James Seix & Co. who are the advertising agents for us for several years, was reviewed last year and it is likely that a further review of their work will be done again this year.

(d) No, Sir.

Power-Generating Sets

*1345. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

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

(a) whether it is proposed to estab-

lish six medium-sized power-generating units in areas of shortage in the country as an emergency programme;

(b) if so, the places where these units will be established; and

(c) the details of the proposal?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) A proposal for importing six numbers of oil-fired gas turbine package plants, to meet the shortage of power in certain States, is under consideration.

(b) and (c). If foreign exchange for these units becomes available, two units of 10 MW each are proposed to be installed in Andhra Pradesh, Mysore and West Bengal-Bihar area. The cost of each unit is estimated to be Rs. 60.00 lakhs involving foreign exchange expenditure to the extent of Rs. 50.00 lakhs.

Damodar Valley Corporation

*1350. { **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

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

(a) whether Bihar Government have suggested that the Damodar Valley Corporation be wound up.

(b) if so, the reasons adduced by the Bihar Government; and

(c) the reaction of Government to the suggestion.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Package Programme

*1351. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to extend the package programme to groundnuts also;