

Drop in Profits of Public Sector Industries

762. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that profits in public sector industries dropped from Rs. 201 lakhs in 1960-61 to Rs. 185 lakhs in 1961-62; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). The annual reports and accounts for all public sector industries for the year 1961-62 have not yet been received and so it is not possible to make a comparison with the results for 1960-61. The required information will be made available after all the Accounts have been received.

Monkey Menace in South Avenue and South Block Areas

763. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 169 on the 7th August, 1962 and state the progress made by the New Delhi Municipal Committee to remove the monkey menace in the South Avenue and South Block Areas?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): Whenever complaints are received regarding monkey nuisance, dog shooters are deputed to scare away the monkeys by gun shots in the air as the Committee has not been able to secure the services of monkey catchers so far.

Poppy Cultivation

764. Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the acreage of land that would be brought under poppy cultivation in Madhya Pradesh during this season?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): According to the information received so far, an area of 9,927 hectares has been settled for

poppy cultivation during 1962-63 season. The settlement operations are still in progress and the final area allotted will be known only after the settlement is completed.

Upper Jamuna Valley Electric Supply Company

765. Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken over Upper Jamuna Valley Electric Supply Company; and

(b) if so, the compensation paid in the matter?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of Storage Capacity for Blood Donated for the 'Jawans'

766. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blood storage capacity is not equal to the offers to donate blood made for the Jawans fighting the Chinese in NEFA and Ladakh;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the number of persons who have so far offered to donate blood for the Jawans?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). Blood can be stored for comparatively short periods and it does not appear desirable to resort to storage in large quantities. The best way of providing ready supplies of blood to the military hospitals is by maintaining registers of blood donors and arranging for bleeding them according to the demand. Registra-

tion of donors is being done accordingly. The figures of donors for the country as a whole are not readily available and will be collected.

Water Supply in Calcutta

767. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been approached by Calcutta Corporation for assistance in sinking deep tube-wells on the Layne well system;

(b) whether it is a fact that this would enable Calcutta to have perennial and ample supply of underground water; and

(c) Government's reaction in the matter?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). This Ministry had received an advance copy of the proposal which the Calcutta Corporation had submitted to the Government of West Bengal for being forwarded to the Union Government. The State Government have not so far submitted this proposal to the Union Government.

Sharavati Valley Project

768. Shri S. B. Patil: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry was made by the Experts Committee appointed by the Government of India in respect of Sharavati Valley Project in Mysore State in October, 1962;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the Technical Experts Committee; and

(c) what steps have been suggested by them to speed up the work?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The Irrigation & Power Team of the Committee on Plan Projects has recently been deputed to make a study of the Sharavathi Valley Project with a view to making recommendations for the economical and expeditious implementation of the project. The Team paid its first visit to Bangalore and Shara-

vathi from October 9 to 13, 1962 and held preliminary discussions with the State and project authorities.

(b) and (c). The study is still in progress. The findings and recommendations of the Team will be formulated only after the study is completed.

Defence Gold and Prize Bonds

769. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Maheshwar Naik:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued Defence Bonds, Savings Certificates, Gold Bonds and Prize Bonds;

(b) if so, what are the terms relating to the new issues;

(c) from what date these issues will be on sale to the public; and

(d) whether response from the public has been encouraging?

The Finance Minister (Shri Morarji Deai): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of the relevant notifications giving their terms are placed on the Table of the House.

(c) 4½ per cent National Defence Bonds 1972 from 10-11-62,

4½ per cent Ten-Year Defence Deposit Certificates from 10-11-62,

6½ per cent Gold Bonds 1977 from 12-11-62,

12-Year National Defence Certificates from 15-11-62,

Premium Prize Bonds from 1.1.63.

(d) It is as yet too early to judge the response to these issues.

Salal Hydro-Electric Project in Jammu and Kashmir

770. Shri Abdul Ghani Goni: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the survey of the Salal Hydro-