

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). 3,570 tolas (41,637 grams) of unclaimed contraband gold worth approximately Rs. 223,091 at the international price (Rs. 5 lakhs approximately at the local market price) was seized by the Customs authorities at Bombay from SS. "Sabarmati" on the 22nd July, 1964. The gold was found lying on the top of the blower trunking in the first class passengers' lavatory. Departmental proceedings for the confiscation of the gold, as also against the Master and Owners of the ship, are being initiated.

Corrugated Iron Sheets

1212. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Works and Housing be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2009 on the 9th April, 1964 and state the steps since taken to provide corrugated iron sheets for roofing houses in the backward areas of Punjab?

The Minister of Works and Housing (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): There is still an acute shortage of galvanised corrugated sheets in the country. Supplies against outstanding indents are, however, being made to the extent possible. The monthly quota of despatches against the indents of Punjab for the current quarter (July-September, 1964) is 104 tonnes.

Transmission and distribution of Power

1213. { **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 969 on the 9th April, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the copies of the Code for safe operation and maintenance of transmission and distribution systems of power have been forwarded to the State Governments; and

(b) if so, the reaction of State Governments thereto?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) No. Copies of the Code are still under print.

(b) Does not arise.

Electricity for Food Production

1214. { **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Jadhav:
Shri Balkrishna Singh:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 974 on the 9th April, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the question regarding the extent to which Central aid for electricity for more food production is to be stepped up has since been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). The question is still under consideration of the Government.

मंत्रियों के निवास स्थानों पर फर्नीचर

1215. { **श्री बड़े :**
श्री यशपाल सिंह :

क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आजकल प्रत्येक मंत्री और उपमंत्री के बंगलों पर कितने मूल्य का फर्नीचर और विद्युत् उपकरण इस्तेमाल में होता है ;

(ख) क्या मंत्री और उपमंत्री को जो फर्नीचर तथा विद्युत् उपकरण बिना मूल्य दिया जाता है उस की कोई सीमा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस का ब्यौरा क्या है ?