

subordinate offices of the Ministry of Defence, particularly in the Defence Statistical Organisation and the Ordnance Depots have been drawing maximum pay in their respective pay-scales, without any promotions or prospects of promotion, for a number of years; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to remove such stagnation amongst these employees?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). The Government is aware that a number of employees in the attached and subordinate offices of the Ministry of Defence are drawing maximum pay in their pay scales for some years. The position is reviewed as and when called for, and suitable measures taken.

Report of Study Group on Development of Coir Industry in Kerala

4741. **SHRI P. C. ADICHAN:** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Group of the Planning Commission on the development of Coir Industry in Kerala has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main observations and recommendations thereof; and

(c) Government's decisions thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) No, Sir.

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

Per Capita Availability of Power in South Bihar, North Bihar and whole of India per Annum

4742. **SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1068 on the 24th November, 1969 and state:

(a) the per capita availability of Power in South Bihar, whole of India and North Bihar per annum;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar had made final decision to take over the Darbhanga Electricity Company

Ltd. but the matter is delayed due to injunction orders of the court; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to secure early decision of the court by properly conducting the case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The per capita availability of power during 1969-70 has been estimated as below:—

North Bihar	—13.2 kwh
South Bihar	—95.0 kwh
All India	—91.1 kwh

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All possible steps are being taken in the matter by the Government of Bihar.

Prevention of Erosion by River Ganga and Bagmati in Bihar

4743. **SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representation by 'Mansi Bachao Sangharsa Samiti' was submitted to the Prime Minister on the 19th February, 1970 urging the prevention of erosion by river Ganga and Bagmati of Mansi Junction of the N.E.R. (Bihar) and of the National Highway nearby; and

(b) if so, action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). No representation appears to have been received by the Prime Minister on 19-2-1970 from the 'Mansi Bachao Sangharsa Samiti' regarding prevention of erosion of Mansi Railway Station in Bihar and the National Highway. However, the problem of erosion near Mansi Railway Station has been under the consideration of the State and Central Governments. In a meeting of representatives of the Ministries of Irrigation and Power, Railways and Transport and the State Government of Bihar it has been decided that necessary repairs to the existing protection works should be carried out immediately to hold the river to its present course and prevent further