

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Department of Irrigation).

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Power Rates in Delhi

4410. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to raise the power rates in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor; and

(c) the date from which the power rates are proposed to be increased with reaction of the public thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c). Tariff rates for supply of electricity in Delhi have been increased with effect from 9.4.1985. The increase had become necessary as the costs of inputs of power generation and supply have increased since DESU last fixed its tariff in April, 1979. The increase does not affect low and middle income households and agriculturists.

Flyash from Badarpur Thermal Power Plant

4411. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether residents of South Delhi have complained against the flyash from the chimneys of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant which gets into their houses;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Badarpur Thermal Power Plant authorities are taking action to install additional fly-ash precipitation equipment in its 3 × 100 MW generating units.

Proposal for Assistance to States Spending Higher Amount of Education

4412. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any special proposal to give additional financial assistance to the States which spend higher amount on education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Train Accident near Tundla

4413. SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a train accident took place near Tundla recently in which many persons were injured; and

(b) if so, the causes of the accident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) In the accident which occurred near Tundla on 28.3.85, 3 Railways employees sustained injuries.

(b) The cause of the accident is under enquiry.

Shortage of Medicines in Government Hospitals and free Medicines to all Citizens

4414. SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :