

refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2144 on 24th November, 1970 and state the decision taken on the report of the Uniforms Committee ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :** The Report of the Uniforms Committee has been twice discussed with the two Labour Federations. Further discussions with the Federations are to be held before a final decision on the Report can be taken.

**Demands of Class IV Employees of Foreign Traffic Accounts Office, Western Railway, Delhi**

1590. **SHRI JAGADISH BHATTACHARYA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a resolution was adopted in a meeting of the class IV employees of the Foreign Traffic Accounts Office, Western Railway, Delhi, held on 22nd December, 1970 ; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof and the action steps taken by Government therein ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) Yes.

(b) The resolution contained a number of demands on a number of matters such as promotion of Class IV staff to Class III, supply of winter uniforms after 2 years, allotment of quarters, shortage of Class IV staff, issue of post-retirement complimentary passes on the scale admissible to Class III staff etc. These demands have been examined under the extant rules and, on their merits, necessary action has been taken.

#### Loss of Human Lives in Floods

1591. **SHRI SUBODH HANSDA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any report has been prepared by the Committee set up at the State Ministers' Conference held at Ootacamund in September, 1970 to find out the causes for heavy loss of human lives in the recent floods ; and

(b) if so, the specific measures suggested for obviating recurrence of such a calamity in future ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) :** (a) and (b). The Committee set up by the Government of India in October, 1970, in pursuance of the recommendations made by the Fifth Conference of the State Ministers of Irrigation and Power, has not yet submitted its report. The report is likely to be ready by the end of this year.

#### Development of Geo-Thermal Plant

1592. **SHRI SUBODH HANSDA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had set up a Committee in 1966 to collect various data for Geo-Thermal Development in the country ; and

(b) if so, whether the Committee has been able to collect data and whether there is any possibility of developing Geo-Thermal Plant in India on the basis of the data collected ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee collected and collated data on 250 hot springs all over the country and also visited a few of these sites. The Committee has identified certain areas meriting further detailed investigation in regard to their feasibility for being utilised for power development and/or establishing chemical industries.

#### Requirement of Plant and Machinery for Construction of River Valley Project

1593. **SHRI SUBODH HANSDA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Project Machinery Committee set up by Government has taken stock of the position in regard to the plant and machinery available for construction of River Valley Projects in the country ; and

(b) if not, the time it will take to work out the position ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND**