

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C GEORGE) (a) The State Trading Corporation has entered into three contracts valued at Rs 485.79 lakhs for export of shoes in the period ending November 1972

(b) These contracts have resulted in substantial expansion in exports of shoes to the U S S R and in prospects of further increase in exports in the future

Discontinuance of Wheat Loans to its Employees by Punjab Electricity Board

1302 **SHRI JYOTIMOY BOSU** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether the authorities of the Punjab State Electricity Board had stopped the advance of wheat loans to the Board employees,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the protests made by the employees of the said Board, and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B N KUREEL) (a) No Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise

Progress of Pochampad Irrigation Project

1303 **SHRI B N REDDY** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether the first phase of the construction work of the Pochampad Irrigation Project (Andhra Pradesh) is getting delayed according to the earlier schedule,

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay, and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to ensure the completion of the Project work according to the schedule ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B N KUREEL) (a) to (c) Till the year 1968-69, the progress of work on Pochampad Project had been slow due to the inability of Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide adequate funds for the project. Since then the tempo of work has increased considerably and a potential of 40,000 acres of irrigation has already been created

Development of Ghaghra River Basin

1304 **SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether discussions have been held with the Government of Nepal in respect of the development of the Ghaghra river basin and

(b) if so, whether the project has been finally approved ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B N KUREEL) (a) and (b) An Indian delegation led by the Secretary, Irrigation and Power, held discussions with a delegation of His Majesty's Government of Nepal led by their Secretary, Water and Power, at Kathmandu between 20th and 27th October 1971 on various matters of mutual interest in the field of irrigation and Power. Also the Minister of Irrigation and Power held discussions at Kathmandu with Minister of Water and Power and Prime Minister of His Majesty's Government

Preliminary discussions were held at the Minister's level and official level on the Karnali Project proposed by the Majesty's Government of Nepal. The Pancheshwar and Poornagiri Power Projects proposed by the Government of India were also discussed at this meeting

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