

Additional Financial help to Arkavati Project, Konakpura (Mysore)

239. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF :
SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have made any commitment regarding additional financial help for the completion of Arkavati project in Konakpura (Mysore) ; and

(b) if so, to what extent Central Government have fulfilled their assurance and extended their co-operation to the State of Mysore ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Nationalisation of Private Electricity Firms

240. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH
SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to nationalise private electricity firms ; and

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal will be implemented ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). In the context of larger power development programme and also adoption of uniform power policy throughout the State and Region, Government are considering how the areas served by the private licensees could be dealt with.

Probe into Sharavathi Hydel Project (Mysore)

241. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH :
SHRI SATPAL KAPUR :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the probe ordered by the Mysore Government into Sharavathi Hydel Project where turbines have been damaged by the debris emanating from ill-constructed pressure-tunnels ;

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

(c) the amount of loss suffered by Government and industrial establishments as a result of the damage to the project ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) No, Sir. As far as we are aware, no enquiry has been ordered so far by Mysore Government.

(b) Central Government has to await a report on this from the State Government.

(c) It is estimated that Mysore State Electricity Board would suffer a loss of about Rs. 60 lakhs on account of loss of revenue in the period of about 15 days when the power station would have to be shut down for repairs in the tunnels. Power supply, would, however, be arranged from alternative sources and, therefore, industries and commercial establishments would not suffer any loss.

Safeguarding India's Exports to U. K. consequent on her joining L. E. C.

242. SHRI P. M. MLHTA :
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the British attitude towards the future of Indian exports to that country after she joins the European Economic Community on January 1, 1973 is very disappointing ;

(b) if so, whether it is estimated that 42 per cent of Indian exports to Britain will be affected ; and

(c) if so, whether no solutions are being found out to settle this issue ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) to (c). The question