

plan period and the others are in various stages of construction. All the remaining medium schemes are expected to be completed during the Fifth Plan period. The work on the major scheme (Bagmati Project) is expected to spill over into the Sixth Plan.

(c) and (d). It has been reported that the delay in the execution of these schemes has mainly been due to difficulties of land acquisition, as well as scarcities of the necessary inputs.

Implementation of Bansagar Project Agreement

2657. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made towards the implementation of the Bansagar Project Agreement;

(b) whether any periodicity has been decided upon for the division of water from the said project between the States concerned;

(c) if so, the main features thereof; and

(d) if not, whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Project proposals, modified in the light of the Agreement reached amongst the States on sharing of Sone Waters, are awaited from the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) to (d). The States had agreed that the Government of India may set up a special River Commission for a comprehensive study of hydrology of the Sone river, and the possibility of utilising by lift the available waters of the nearby Ganga.

Selection of paintings for Jayanti Janta Express

2658. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any selection Committee for selecting the Madhubani paintings for Jayanti Janta Express ;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted for the selection ;

(c) whether these paintings were directly purchased from the artists or they were supplied through contractors; and

(d) if purchased through contractors, the name thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) (a) to (c). A set of original Madhubani Folk art paintings available with Bihar State Emporium were purchased and the selection was made in the Railway Board's Office.

(d) Does not arise.

Power Supply to Hindalco

2659 SHRI D. D. DFSAI :
SHRI P. GANGADEB

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether power supply has been stopped to Hindalco ;

(b) if so, to what extent this would have a bearing on other industries; and

(c) what other sources of energy are proposed to be provided to Hindalco to smoothen its production?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c). Power supply from the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board for the aluminium smelters of Hindalco has been stopped. Power supply for full capacity plant continues at the reduced level of 5 MW