

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee and its terms of reference, and

(c) the time by which the Committee is expected to submit its report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). In the 5th meeting of the Indo-Sri Lanka Sub-Committee for Economic Cooperation held in Colombo from 3rd to 7th June, 1974 it was agreed, after preliminary examination of the project relating to the linking of the Indo-Sri Lanka power grids, to set up a technical committee comprising the experts of the two Governments to go into the details of technical and economic aspects and report to the two Governments. The composition of the Committee, terms of reference and the time by which the Committee is expected to submit the report have not yet been decided.

Indo-Bangladesh Talks on River Waters in June, 1974

400 SHRI BANAMALI BABU
SHRI M S. SANJEEVI RAO;
SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH: .

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

(a) whether Indo-Bangladesh talks on river waters were held in June, 1974, and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of the directions contained in the Joint Declaration of the Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh of 17th May, 1974, the Commission draw up an appropriate programme to study the best means of augmenting the fair whether flow

of the Ganga at Farakka in the lean months through optimum utilisation of the water resources of the region available to the two countries.

The Commission also reviewed the work carried out since its last meeting and took decisions on further work to be done.

Distribution of Bus and Truck Tyres

401. SHRI C. K. JAFFER
SHARIEF;
SHRI SHRIKRISHNA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for the distribution of bus and truck tyres by fixing a quota for each registered vehicle;

(b) if so, whether Central Government have also taken into consideration the suggestions of various States in this regard, and

(c) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) to (c). Govt. have, in association with the tyre industry, recently introduced a new scheme of distribution of tyres and tubes, with objective of rationalising the distribution arrangements in the country, having regard to all relevant factors including the vehicle population of each State. The State Govts. have also been consulted in this regard.