

| Country       | Qty.          | Date of contract | Manufacturer | No. of Wagons delivered   |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|---|
| 4. Bangladesh | 500<br>Wagons | 27-7-1974        | M/s. TEXMACO | 240 delivered.<br>Balance likely to be delivered by June 1976 i.e. by the contractual date. |

(d) The size of export orders has so far not been such as to substantially relieve under utilization of capacity.

#### Likely Power Shortage in U. P

2843. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Electricity Board has warned of a likely power shortage in the State;

(b) if so, how such a situation could develop when power production in the country has attained a new height; and

(c) the steps taken to avert the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI SIDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). The power requirements of U.P. for the remaining period of the Fifth Plan are likely to be met by the commissioning of the power projects under construction according to the present programme

However, power demand is not static and is expected to grow and additional projects would have to be taken up to meet the increased requirements during the 6th and subsequent plan periods

This aspect is being kept in view for future power planning for this region.

#### Fall in Prices of Foodgrains

2844 SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fall in the prices since emergency is mainly restricted to foodgrains;

(b) whether this is causing hardship and psychological nervousness among the farmers;

(c) if so, steps taken to bring about a fall in prices of other essential commodities; and

(d) by what time, the effects of falling price of other commodities will be visible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d). As a result of negotiations held with the manufacturers by the Department of Civil Supplies & Cooperation, prices of some essential commodities such as toilet soaps including janata soap, washing soap, safety matches, baby food and common brands of tea and some brands of common foot-wear were reduced after the proclamation of the emergency. The Government announced reduction in the prices of fertilisers a number of times in the past year. On account of the budget proposals for 1976-77, the prices of several es-