

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The New Delhi Municipal Committee is in search of expert monkey catchers with necessary equipment who may catch monkeys.

Labourers at Nagarjunasagar Project

2270. Shri Laxmi Das: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that labourers at the Nagarjunasagar Project are suffering due to less work which is provided only for 3 or 4 days per week;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps that have been taken by Government for providing continuous work for the labourers and to complete the work of the National Project in time?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Continuous work is being provided to the labourers.

Nallagarh Committee

2271. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the recommendations of Nallagarh Committee regarding the methods to increase production of food have been accepted?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): The Agricultural Administration Committee (Nallagarh Committee) did not make any recommendations concerned directly with methods to increase agricultural production. The Committee's recommendations related mainly to measures designed to improve the administration of the Agriculture Departments in the States, raising the pay-scales of the employees of Agriculture Departments and improving their service conditions,

conversion of temporary posts into permanent ones, simplification of financial procedures, delegation of adequate financial and administrative powers at all levels, bringing about effective co-ordination between the Agriculture and other Development Departments in the States, etc. These recommendations have generally been accepted by the Government of India and the State Governments for implementation.

Power Plant in Bandel, West Bengal

2272. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether four large boilers for a new power plant in Bandel, West Bengal are proposed to be imported from the U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, on what terms?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The plant and equipment are being procured under assistance from the Agency for International Development U.S.A. in accordance with their normal procedure. The terms for payment would be 65 per cent. on presentation of shipping invoice, further 25 per cent. on bill of lading and the balance 10 per cent. on certificate of acceptance. The mode of payment is through a letter of credit.

Electricity in Assam

2273. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam Government have been allowed to import diesel engines to meet the immediate needs of electricity in Assam;

(b) if so, how many such engines are to be imported and at what estimated cost; and

(c) from which country they are to be imported?