

(b) the measures suggested by Government to prevent the loss ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) The accounts of the Maharashtra State Electricity Board for the year ended 31st March, 1968, have yet to be audited. As indicated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 4173 on 14th Dec. 1967, the accumulated deficit of Maharashtra State Electricity Board stood at Rs. 439.63 lakhs as on 31st March, 1967.

(b) In order to minimise losses and improve returns, certain tariff increases have been made by the Board. Steps have also been taken by the Board to ensure optimum utilisation of stores, reduction in overheads and better utilisation of existing potential capacities of plants.

MANUFACTURE OF SODIUM NITRATE BY FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

4164. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the cost of the sodium nitrate being manufactured by the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.; and

(b) how does the said cost compare with the cost of Chilean salt peter and the cost of the sodium nitrate now being obtained from the rupee currency area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH) :

(a) The Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. are not manufacturing sodium nitrate.

(b) Does not arise.

GIRL STUDENTS IN FIRST YEAR OF M.B.B.S. COURSE

4165. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of girl students who applied for admission to first year course of MBBS, the number of such students who got admission and the

number of those who could not get admission in each Medical College in the country in the year from 1965 to 1968, respectively ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : A statement based on the available information showing the number of women students admitted in different medical colleges in the country from 1965 to 1968 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1758/68]. Information regarding the number of women students who applied for admission during these years is not readily available.

INCOME TAX PAYMENT BY FILM STARS

4167. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Income Tax assessments of Shri Raj Kapoor and Shri Devanand, film stars, have been completed for the last five years and if so, the amount of tax levied in each assessment;

(b) whether the assesseees have paid the income tax and whether they have appealed against any particular assessment and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether arrears of previous Income-tax are due from these assesseees and, if so, the details and amounts of such outstanding taxes ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

FLOODS IN TRIPURA

4168. SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1551, on the 29th July, 1968 and state :

(a) the details of the flood relief works carried out under the Third Five Year Plan