

(b) None, Sir.

(c) The total numbers of sanctioned Class I and II posts in the S. T. C. and the M. M. T. C. are 216 and 181 respectively. The total numbers of the posts filled in are 203 and 172 respectively.

Development of Nuclear Power

9614. SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that nuclear power is cheaper than thermal power for use in agro-industries ; and

(b) if so, the steps which Government are taking for the development of power produced by nuclear reactors ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). The comparative cost of production depends on a variety of factors such as location and the relative sizes of units that are projected.

Within the constraints of available resources and the priorities of the Plan, the maximum possible resources are allocated for the rapid development of nuclear power.

Fertiliser Plant at Kota

9615. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new Administrator of the US Agency for International Development recently visited this country to have discussion on the various collaboration projects like the fertilizer plants at Kota and for import of various items including liquid ammonia ; and

(b) if so, the specific proposals which were discussed with him and the outcome thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM

SEWAK) : (a) and (b). The visit of Mr. Johan Hannah, Administrator for the U. S. Agency for International Development to India earlier this month was not connected with projects with private US collaboration. As such no specific proposals in regard to them were discussed.

Soviet Land Nehru Award Committee

9616. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Soviet Land Nehru Award Committee has instituted 28 awards for literary and journalistic work this year ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following prizes will be awarded :

- (i) Four prizes of Rs. 8,000 each literary works, and a free two-week trip to the USSR in each case.
- (ii) Ten additional prizes of Rs. 1,000 each for literary works.
- (iii) Four prizes of Rs. 2,500 each for journalistic works (collections of articles and series of photographs) and for translation of Russian classics and Soviet works in Indian languages and a free two-week trip to the USSR in each case.
- (iv) Ten additional prizes of Rs. 800 each for journalistic works and for translations of the kind mentioned above.

इलाची की सेती

9617. श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री : क्या बंबेईक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :