Supply of Power to Delhi from Bhakra

123. SHRI YAJNA DATTA SHARMA: SHRI JAI SINGH : SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that power is being supplied to Delhi from Bhakra Nangal Project and the power is being supplied to Punjab by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking;

(b) if so, the extent of power supplied in each case and the rates at which the same are supplied:

(c) whether it is also a fact that DESU is selling power to Uttar Pradesh;

(d) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that Punjab is facing power crisis with the result that development of industry and agriculture in that State is being hindered;

(e) if so, whether Government propose to stop or curtail the supply of power to DESU from the Bhakra Nangal Project; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRA-SAD): (a) and (b). Bhakra Power system is supplying power to the extent of 80 MW to the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking. In view of the acute water conditions in the hydro storages of the Bhakra system, Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking provided relief to the Bhakra system by reducing its off-take from the agreed quantum of 80 MW. The relief was given from 25th December, 1968 till 15th May, 1969 and the quantum of relief varied from 10 to 40 MW. The average rate of supply from Bhakra system to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking is 4.36 paise per unit. For the relief given by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking to the Bhakra system the rate charged is the difference between the cost of generation and the power purchased.

The cost of generation has been provisionally fixed at 11 paise per unit.

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f). Any proposal on the curtailment of power supply from Bhakra Nangal Project to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking would depend upon the terms of agreement for power supply which are under negotiations between the two parties.

Medical Assistance for Famine-Affected Areas of Rajasthan

124. SHRI YAJNA DATTA SHARMA: SHRI D. N. PATODIA: SHRI JAI SINGH: SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY: SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the reported high rate of death in the Famine-stricken areas of Barmer District of Raiasthan:

(b) whether the State Government have approached the Central Government for any type of assistance, especially medical assistance or the assistance rendered by the Central Government to the State Govenment; and

(c) how the death rate in the Barmer district compares with the All India death rate in the country, the extent of success achieved in the eradication of diseases during the last three years and the steps proposed to be taken for further improvement in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Investigation teams were sent from Delhi and drugs were supplied.