

(c) No, Sir. The Government are not aware that the visit created a feeling of suspicion and tension in the Gulf area. According to the reports received by the Naval Headquarters, the ship was given a cordial welcome.

(d) and (e). Pakistan's incessant attempts to denigrate India, particularly in Arab States, are well known. Government are doing every thing possible to counteract and refute such hostile propaganda.

Medium Project on Munera River in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh

7023. SHRI SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a medium project is being investigated on Munera river in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have obtained the clearance from Central Water and Power Commission for the said project; and

(c) whether there is a possibility of Government of Andhra Pradesh constructing a medium project on Munera river, before the Judgement of the Tribunal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that investigations for a medium irrigation project on the Muneru river in Warangal District are still in hand.

(b) No Sir.

(c) No new Project not sanctioned already can be undertaken for construction in Krishna Basin before the award of the Tribunals is given.

Nationalisation of Export Trade of Woollen Knitwears

7024. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any

decision to nationalise the exports of woollen knitwears;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) The export of woollen knitwears has been canalised through the State Trading Corporation of India Limited with effect from 1st April, 1969.

(b) The broad objectives of canalisation are as follows:

(1) To consolidate the existing level of exports.

(2) To expand progressively the exports of knitwear and hosiery to new destinations and to increase the level of exports to existing buyers.

(3) To improve progressively the quality of Indian knitwear offered for export and in pursuance of this to introduce effectively quality control schemes.

(4) To make adequate arrangements for suitable raw materials required for the export programme of the right qualities and at the right time.

(5) To achieve modernisation of the industry with a view to offering high quality goods in the world market; and

(6) To evolve joint marketing strategies with a view to obtain fair and reasonable prices and with a view to guarantee qualities and deliveries.

(c) Does not arise.