

units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the External Publicity Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.

The Prime Minister's Secretariat has not received any complaints and there is no reason to think that there is any discrimination in dealings with the Press, or any deterioration in work.

Allegations against Management of S. T. C.

481. DR. P. MANDAL : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the weekly Century of the 20th December, 1969 published a report criticising the new management of the State Trading Corporation ;

(b) whether Government have studied the allegations made in this review ;

(c) whether the new State Trading Corporation Chairman and his Lever team and trying to wreck the public undertaking from within ; and

(d) whether the Ministry is getting enough co-operation from the Chairman regarding the management of personnel etc. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER, IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). The weekly "Century" in its issue dated the 20th December, 1969, published an article containing certain allegations against the State Trading Corporation regarding responsibilities, decision making, changes in signations, recruitment, promotions etc. However, in its issue dated the 3rd January, 1970, this weekly published a note that the article referred to had appeared through inadvertance and that the journal had no knowledge of the points alleged in the article.

(b) Government do not agree that the Chairman of the S. T. C. and his officers are trying to wreck the Corporation. On the other hand, certain modern management practices have been introduced in the Corporation which are intended to improve the efficiency of its working.

(d) The S. T. C. is an autonomous Corporation and the management of personnel is a matter which is under the Corporation's own purview. As far as broad policies are concerned, there is no

lack of cooperation from the management of the S. T. C.

Demarcation of Indo-Burma Boundary

482. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the boundary demarcation between India and Burma is being revised in the Manipur Sector ;

(b) whether it is a fact that boundary posts are getting planted much inside the Ukhrul Sub-division even near Shiroy ;

(c) whether the Government have made any enquiry ; and

(d) if so, the position in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER, IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Improvement of Power Supply in Manipur

483. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to improve the power supply in Manipur in the immediate future ;

(b) whether the adequate increase in supply can be made during the 1970 ; and

(c) if not, when the said increase will come ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER, IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). Four diesel generating sets aggregating 2.630 kw are being purchased from Assam State Electricity Board for installation in Manipur. These are expected to be commissioned during 1970-71.

Adequate supply of power to the extent of 15 MW will be available to Manipur on completion of the scheme for Bulk Power Supply from Assam to Manipur by 1973-74. Besides, the Loktak Hydro-electric Scheme in Manipur which has been taken up in the Central Sector for implementation is also expected to be completed by 1973-74 when additional supply of 25 MW would be available to Manipur.