

प्रशासनिक सुधार आयोग द्वारा प्रतिरक्षा के बारे में नियुक्त कार्यकारी दल की सिफारिशों

5040. श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि प्रशासनिक सुधार आयोग द्वारा प्रतिरक्षा के बारे में नियुक्त कार्यकारी दल ने क्या क्या मुख्य सिफारिशें की हैं ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : प्रशासनिक सुधार आयोग के, रक्षा मामलों पर अध्ययन दल की रिपोर्ट, रक्षा मंत्रालय में प्राप्त हो चुकी है, और उसका निरीक्षण किया जा रहा है।

दिल्ली विद्युत प्रदाय उपक्रम द्वारा दिल्ली में भूम के अन्दर लाइनों का बिछाया जाना

5041. श्री राम स्वरूप विद्यार्थी : क्या सिंचाई तथा विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली विद्युत प्रदाय उपक्रम ने दिल्ली नगर में भूमिगत बिजली की लाइनें बिछाने का निर्णय किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस परियोजना पर कुल कितना व्यय होने की संभावना है और उक्त व्यय में केन्द्रीय सरकार का कितना भाग होगा ?

सिंचाई तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद) : (क) और (ख) . दिल्ली विद्युत प्रदाय संस्थान का अनुमान है कि दिल्ली में शीर्षोपरि विद्युत प्रणाली के एक बहुत बड़े भाग को भूगत प्रणाली में परिणत करने पर 29 करोड़ रुपये व्यय होंगे। वर्तमान वित्तीय तंग स्थिति में इस प्रस्ताव को चरणों में कार्यान्वित करने के लिए, दिल्ली विद्युत

प्रदाय संस्थान चांदनी चौक के इलाके में शीर्षोपरि येन को भूगत मेन में बदलने के लिए एक स्कीम तैयार कर रहा है जिस पर 25 लाख रुपये व्यय होंगे। केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इस स्कीम पर धन लगाने के प्रश्न पर तब विचार किया जाएगा जब यह स्कीम दिल्ली विद्युत प्रदाय संस्थान से प्राप्त हो जाएगी।

Making All India Handloom Board as a Statutory Board

5042. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for making the All India Handloom Board into a Statutory Board ; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be materialised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). It has already been decided to convert the All India Handloom Board into a statutory body and steps are being taken to implement this decision.

Import of Cotton

5043. SHRI YASH PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the quantum of cotton imported per year and the names of the countries from where the cotton is imported ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : Imports of cotton during the last three cotton years (September-August) were as under :—

Year	Imports (in lakh bales)
1966-67	7.82
1967-68	7.78
1968-69	4.29

Important countries from which cotton is imported are :—U. A. R., Sudan, U. S. A. and East African countries.

Scheme of Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation to encourage Export to Technical Services

5044. SHRI G. VENKATASWAMY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation has introduced some new schemes to encourage the export of technical services and to help Indian firms to take up construction works abroad; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the schemes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation has introduced some new schemes to encourage the export of technical services and to help Indian firms take up construction works abroad.

(b) (i) *Services Policy* : The ECGC, which has so far been covering credit risks on export of goods only, has now introduced "Services Policy" which will protect Indian firms against the risk of non-payment of services rendered to foreign parties, in the form of technical or professional services, royalties, hiring and leasing, copyright fees, etc. The ECGC will pay 90% of the loss suffered by the insured.

(ii) *Packing Credit for Services* : Banks make available credit to Indian firms which secure orders for execution of construction works abroad or for rendering technical or professional services to foreign parties for meeting some preliminary expenses in India. The new scheme will protect the banks against 66-2/3% of any loss that may arise due to the insolvency of the 'exporter' or his protracted default.

(iii) *Extension of the scope of Export Performance Guarantee* : The ECGC has also extended the scope of its Export Performance Guarantee to cover guarantees given by Indian banks to banks in a foreign country in respect of advances made by the

foreign bank in local currency to the Indian firm doing construction works or rendering services to parties in that foreign country. This guarantee will be in the nature of a counter-guarantee to the Indian banks; should the bank suffer a loss in respect of the guarantee issued to the foreign bank, the ECGC would make good 66-2/3% of the loss in terms of its Export Performance Guarantee.

Acceptance of Tender for the Construction of Jangipur Barrage under Farakka Barrage

5045. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA ; Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that tenders were invited for Jangipur Barrage on 27th December, 1967 under the Farakka Barrage Project ;

(b) whether the tender of one Calcutta firm was the lowest ;

(c) the reasons for rejecting the tender of Calcutta firm which was the lowest and instead accepting the tender M/s. Hindustan Construction Co. which was higher ; and

(d) whether Government propose to hold and inquiry into the matter and it not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDRESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) The Tender for Jangpur Barrage were invited on 20-11-1967 and the Tenders were opened on 29-12-1967.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In allotting work on the Farakka Barrage project, the authorities have to take into consideration the tenders technical and financial capability to undertake the type of job tendered, their ability to complete the job by the stipulated dates, their resources regarding the right type and number of machinery to be brought to site, requirements of foreign exchange etc. The tenders for all the major works of the Project are considered by a high level Tender Committee of officials, consisting technical experts and the representatives of the