

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The exact allocation for the year 1970-71 is Rs. 18'8132 crores ; Rs. 17'5632 crores under Revenue and Rs. 1'25 crores under Capital Head.

(b) The investments in Defence research have been progressively built-up over the years in order to create the necessary base within the country for development of sophisticated weapons and equipment for the Services. Since its inception in 1958, the Organisation has also developed a large number of weapons and equipment for the Armed Forces and in addition number of major projects are currently in the advanced stages of development. Substitutes for imported materials, propellents, and components required for the indigenous production effort have also been developed.

As a result of the above measures, the savings in foreign exchange against firm orders on date is expected to be of the order of Rs. 160 crores and this figure will increase sizeably when other equipments nearing completion go into production. In this manner, efforts of the R & D Organisation will continue to bring about progressively increasing self-reliance in defence equipment.

Purchase of Jute by the State Trading Corporation

1489. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred question No. 10327 on the 20th May, 1970 reg. production, consumption and purchase of jute and state :

(a) the causes for low-level purchase of jute by the State Trading Corporation in 1967-68, particularly in Bihar ;

(b) whether extremely inadequate purchase by the State Trading Corporation in 1967-68 led to fall in jute prices resulting in steep fall in production in 1968-69 with consequential rise in imports ; and

(c) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) The S.T.C.'s purchases of raw jute were confined to the Price Support Scheme. The Corporation accordingly organised purchases in all the jute markets of Bihar and whatever quantities of jute were offered under the Scheme were purchased by them.

(b) and (c) : Do not arise.

Construction of Multi-Purpose Project in Nepal

1490. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 1758 on the 20th May, 1970, regarding construction of multi-purpose project in Nepal and state :

(a) whether matters with regard to the Karnali Hydro-Electric Project have, since, proceeded forward ;

(b) if so, the details, thereof ;

(c) if not, the reaction of Government to the original proposal ;

(d) whether any proposal for hydel/multipurpose projects near the falls of Bagmati ; Kamla and one branch of Kosi has, since, been received ; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). The proposal regarding the development of Karnali Hydro-electric Project in Nepal is still under consideration.

(d) and (e). No proposals in regard to the construction of hydel/multipurpose projects near the falls of Bagmati, Kamla and one branch of Kosi in Nepal have been received.

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1491. श्री भोगेन्द्र झा : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :