

(c) if so, the reasons given by the Maharashtra Electricity Board in this regard.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). In Yeotmal District in Maharashtra the percentage electrification in the Talukas of Kelapur, Wani and Darwha is 22.5, 6.23 and 34.6 respectively. The percentage in respect of Yeotmal District is 24.1 as against 28.4 for the State of Maharashtra. The scheme submitted by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board for sanction by the Rural Electrification Corporation in respect of Yeotmal District covered the Talukas of Wani and Kelapur since the percentage electrification in these two Talukas was lower. The scheme submitted by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board has been sanctioned by the Rural Electrification Corporation.

Programme for Village Electrification and Energising of Pumps

4084. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) number of electrified villages and organised pumps as on the 31st March, 1970, Statewise; and

(b) the programme for village electrification and energised pumps in those States for the year 1970-71 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) : The requisite information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library. See No. LT-4066/70]

(b) During the Fourth Plan, emphasis will continue to be laid in rural electrification schemes on the energisation of irrigation pumpsets and village electrification will continue to be an incidental part of the programme. Hence targets have been fixed only for energisation of pumpsets. During the year 1970-71, it is programmed to energise 1,08,940 pumpsets from outlays in the State plans. Statewise details are given in the

statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library. See No. LT-4066/70]. An additional number of 1.5 lakhs pumpsets are expected to be energised in the country during 1970-71 out of funds provided by the Rural Electrification Corporation and other financing institutions.

Subsidy on Electricity for Agricultural Consumption

4085. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States where agricultural rate is either 12 Paise/or above for per K. W. H. on agricultural consumption; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to subsidise the rate above 12 Paise per K. W. H. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). In the States of Andhra Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Mysore, Orissa (hydel area) and Punjab, the average tariff rate for supply of power for agricultural purposes is less than 12 paise per unit; in the State of Tamil Nadu rate is 12 paise per unit; in the other States it is above 12 paise per unit. The continuance of the subsidy scheme which was in force for the period 1.4.1966 to 31.3.1969 for subsidising electricity rates for agricultural purposes where such rates were above 12 paise per unit, is under the consideration of Government.

नेपाल सरकार द्वारा श्री बी० पी० कोयराला को पारपत्र जारी करने से इंकार करना

4086. श्री महन्त अवध नाथ: क्या बंदेशिक-कार्य मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि नेपाल सरकार ने नेपाल के भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री श्री कोयराला को यूरोपीय देशों का दौरा करने के लिए पारपत्र देने से इंकार कर दिया है ?

बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (श्री

सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह): सरकार को प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार श्री वी० पी० कोयराला ने विदेश में चिकित्सा विशेषज्ञों की सलाह लेने के उद्देश्य से कुछ मास पूर्व नेपाल सरकार को पासपोर्ट के लिए आवेदन पत्र दिया था। नेपाल सरकार ने उन्हें पासपोर्ट नहीं दिया।

**Advertisement about Communal Riots
in New York Times**

4087. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a fourcolumn advertisement on communal riots in India in the Sunday Edition of the *New York Times* of 12th July, 1970;

(b) whether the advertisement which appeared under the signature of several Islamic Organisations is predictably aided and financed by the Government of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, whether our Embassy in New York has been instructed to take suitable steps to remove whatever wrong impressions the advertisement must have created in the minds of the leaders in U. S. A. and, if so, the details of the steps taken in that direction by our Embassy in New York ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The advertisement appeared under the sponsorship of several Islamic Organisations of USA and Canada. Government have drawn appropriate conclusions regarding what the hidden sources of finance and assistance might be.

(c) A careful watch is being kept by the Government, and by our missions abroad, and suitable measures to counter such false propaganda are being taken.

CBI Report on Disappearance of Defence Documents from Central Scientific Instruments Organization, Chandigarh

4088. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the report of the C. B. I. on the disappearance of defence documents from Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh; and

(b) if so; the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, AND MINISTER OF STATE, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The advice of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on the Report of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is awaited. It is not in the public interest to divulge the details of the Report.

**Jaldhaka Hydro-Electric Project,
West Bengal**

4089. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Shri P. C. Hazara of the Geological Survey of India conducted engineering geological and ground water survey at the project site and submitted a report on the 27th August, 1958; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the geological report submitted by Shri Hazara, reference was made to difficult terrain conditions and unfavourable geological features viz., presence of shear zones, falls and rock dykes possessing varying physical properties and it indicated tunnelling