

(xl) The Indian Police Service (Regulation of Seniority) Amendment Rules, 1980, published in Notification No. G.S.R. 606(E) in Gazette of India dated the 27th October, 1980, [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1404/80].

12.22 hrs.

STATEMENTS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV (Azamgarh): I beg to lay on the Table English and Hindi versions of the following Statements:—

(1) Statement showing Action Taken by Government, on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and final replies in respect of Chapter V of Sixty-second Report (Sixth Lok Sabha) on Procurement of oil.

(2) Statement showing Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and final replies in respect of Chapter V of Fifty-ninth Report (Sixth Lok Sabha) on Defence Services.

12.22 hrs.

MESSAGE FROM RAJYA SABHA

SECRETARY: Sir, I have to report the following message received from the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha:—

“In accordance with the provisions of rule 127 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha I am directed to inform from the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha, at its sitting held on the 24th November, 1980, agreed without any amendment to the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1980, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 4th August, 1980”.

12.23 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MAJOR AND MEDIUM IRRIGATION PROJECTS REPORTEDLY REMAINING INCOMPLETE DUE TO RISE IN COST OF CONSTRUCTION

SHRI ZAINUL BASHER (Ghazi-pur): Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Irrigation to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon:—

“Situation arising out of reported one hundred and fifty major and medium irrigation projects remaining incomplete due to rise in cost of construction”.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Since the start of the planned development in 1951, 92 major irrigation projects have been either totally completed or substantially completed. The potential of major and medium irrigation projects in 1951 was 9.7 m. ha. This rose to 26.9 m. ha. by June, 1980. During the 5th Five Year Plan and thereafter irrigation development through major and medium projects was given much greater emphasis and as a result the tempo of irrigation development doubled in physical terms. This inevitably called for taking up of new projects both major and medium. The Government of India recently reviewed the major on-going irrigation projects as on 1.4.1980. There are in all 150 such major projects. The major irrigation projects usually take 8—10 years to complete provided there are no undue constraints of resources both human as well as material. Planning Commission recently set up a Working Group to review the irrigation programme and formulate strategies and programmes for Sixth Plan (1980—85).