

(b) whether these agencies supply power only in the urban areas ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR K. L. RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. There were 130 private electricity supply licensees as on 31st March, 1972 who were engaged in the business of electricity supply to the public.

(b) The licensees supply power in their respective licensed areas of supply, which are generally urban areas.

Cell to watch performance of Indian Joint Ventures abroad

*40. SHRI C. I. DIHANDAPANI :
SHRI GOKIDHAR GOMANGO :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state .

(a) whether his Ministry propose to set up a Cell to keep a watch over the performance of Indian ventures abroad, and

(b) if so, when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have already decided to set up a Cell to keep a watch over the performance of Indian Industrial Joint Ventures Abroad.

Corruption Complaints of Staff Members and Officers of M.M.T.C.

201. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY :
Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaint of corruption against certain staff members and Officers of M.M.T.C. were received and are being looked into by the Vigilance Section;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received and the number of those passed on to vigilance; and

(c) the findings thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Four regular cases were registered by the C.B.I. of these, one is under examination by the C.V.C., two are under examination in the Ministry and one is still under investigation by the C.B.I.

Expert Committee on Delhi's Water Supply Problem

202. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Expert Committee to look into Delhi's water supply problems was set up recently ; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference thereof and the time by which it is likely to submit its report ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). The Ministry of Health and Family Planning have set up a Committee to review the position of water supply to Delhi and suggest improvements to ensure that water supply is stepped up substantially during the summer months and is equitably distributed so as to avoid repetition of water scarcity in the next summer.

While no specific date has been stipulated for the submission of its report, the Committee is expected to submit the report as expeditiously as possible.

Loss to Railways due to Floods

203. SHRI E. V. VIKHE PATIL :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the loss suffered by the Railways due to floods in the country during the last three years ; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Yes.

(b) The extent of loss suffered by the Railways during the years 1969-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72 is as under :

1969-70 : Rs. 551.36 lakhs (Approx.)
1970-71 : Rs. 554.66 lakhs (Approx.)
1971-72 : Rs. 189.94 lakhs (Approx.)