

the Public Sector car project in their respective states. These will be considered when we actually decide and take into consideration the report.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Employment of Deputationists Against Certain Posts Under Damodar Valley Corporation

*1652. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any policy decision taken formally by the highest authorities in the Damodar Valley Corporation that against certain posts, deputationists are to be employed.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission are not applicable to the Damodar Valley Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) to (c). The Damodar Valley Corporation has been set up under the Damodar Valley Corporation Act, 1948 for the unified development of the Damodar Valley Region in the States of West Bengal and Bihar. In the implementation of its main functions relating to irrigation, flood control and power development, the Corporation has to work in close liaison with the two State Governments of Bihar and West Bengal. Because of this special character of the Damodar Valley Corporation which distinguishes it from public sector enterprises of the Government of India, the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission regarding permanent absorption of personnel on deputation are not applicable. Apart from the Chairman, the General Manager and the Financial Adviser who are appointed by the Government of India under the Damodar Valley Corporation Act, there are only 15 officers on deputation who perform functions generally involving close collaboration with the appropriate Departments of the Governments of West Bengal and Bihar and provide the required expertises not otherwise available from the Corporation's own cadre.

Insects Found in Railway Hospital Food

1657. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the report "Insects Found in Hospital Food" appearing in the "Patriot" on 16th July, 1971 ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for improving the conditions in the Northern Railway Divisional Hospital in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The occurrence of some insects (woevils) in the cooked Chana served to patients was an isolated case. As soon as it was detected, the cooked stuff was withdrawn. In order to avoid recurrence of this nature, instructions have been issued to the Divisional Hospital, Delhi to buy cereals from Super Bazar so as to ensure standard quality of supply.

The other allegations made in the report are not correct. The conditions obtaining in the hospital in regard to supply of good food, vegetables and milk, sanitary conditions, availability of surgical equipments, X-Ray and Pathological laboratory facilities have been quite satisfactory. As this hospital is in an old building where all modern amenities cannot be provided, it has been decided to shift all beds of this unit to an annex of the Central Hospital, New Delhi which is now under construction.

Linking up Sutlej and Beas Rivers

*1658. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) how long it will take to complete the linking up of the rivers Sutlej and Beas ; and

(b) which are the States to be benefited by the water and power supply from this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) As per present schedule the waters of the Beas are likely to be diverted into Sutlej by December, 1973.

(b) The participating States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan are to be benefited by this scheme.

Provision of Telephone facility in running Trains

*1662. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a necessity for providing telephone facilities in the Air-conditioned and First class coaches, and in Dining cars, brake-vans and the Engines ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to provide this facility in all important trains ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) There is no necessity for such facilities.

(b) Does not arise.

Old steamers running between Mahendru Ghat and Paleza Ghat in Bihar

*1664. SHRI RAM SHEKHAR PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether steamers running between Mahendru Ghat and Paleza Ghat in Bihar have fulfilled their terms prescribed for their service at the time of purchase of the steamers ;

(b) if so, whether these steamers are old and are causing constant trouble in performing satisfactory service especially in the rainy season ; and

(c) whether the steamer Yamuna creates trouble while running in the river and sometimes the passengers are stranded in the river for the whole night and sometimes for four or five hours due to the trouble in the steamer ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Steamers were originally purchased for general ferry service across the Ganga and not specifically for any one point. They are rendering satisfactory service since the time of purchase.

(b) The normal estimated life of these steamers is 35 years. Since these three crafts were purchased in 1950, they have only expended three fifth of their life. Sometimes at the height of the rainy season river crossings take longer. The crafts sometimes get into trouble in service.

(c) Performance of the Steamer Yamuna is on the whole satisfactory. This steamer ran into difficulty, took longer time to cross the river, on 3 or 4 occasions during the monsoon this year. This was on account of high floods, strong current and cyclonic weather, etc. and not due to age or condition of the steamer.

Electricity generated by Damodar Valley Corporation and distributed to West Bengal and Bihar

*1665. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of electricity generated by Damodar Valley Corporation at present and the names of the units where electricity is generated together with the quantum thereof ;

(b) the ratio in which West Bengal and Bihar are supplied electricity by Damodar Valley Corporation ; and

(c) whether the Central Government have received any memorandum from the Bihar Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) to (c). The Damodar Valley Corporation during 1970-71 generated 4003 million units of electricity in its units located at Bokaro Durgapur, Chandrapura, Tilaiya, Maithon