

Floating Pumping Sets

*1528. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the floating pumping sets brought from Hungary and utilised in South Bihar have proved very effective ;

(b) whether Government have started production of such floating pumping sets in the country ; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. One floating pump which was obtained is a gift from the Hungarian Government was utilised in South Bihar.

(b) Capacity to produce such floating pumps already exists in the country.

(c) The main features are barges or pontoons on which the high capacity pumps are fitting and the water transmission system.

Price Support in Raw Jute

*1529. SHRI NAMBIAR :
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SHRI P. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 926 on the 28th March, 1968, regarding price support in raw-jute and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision regarding the creation of permanent official machinery for price support operation in raw jute ; and

(b) if not, when the decision is likely to be taken and the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b). A Committee has been set up to suggest machinery for permanent buffer stock operations for raw jute. This Committee will among other things also examine the need for a buffer stock, the permanent agency which should undertake buffer

stock operations, such a commodity Corporation, which would keep in view price support, marketing and other relevant problems. The Committee is expected to submit its report shortly.

Talcher Industrial Complex

*1530. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has received a letter from the Chief Minister of Orissa requesting her to expedite the decision about central aid to Talcher Industrial complex ; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) A letter was sent by the Chief Minister of Orissa to the Prime Minister last month requesting her to expedite decision on the Talcher Industrial Complex.

(b) The Prime Minister in her reply to the Orissa Chief Minister indicated in brief the complexities of the complex and steps being taken to expedite the matter for final decision.

Central Wakf Council

*1532. SHRI M. L. SONDHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the Central Wakf Council appointed by Government submitted a unanimous report on a model syllabus for the Madrasas and Maktabs through one of its Committees about two years back ;

(b) whether the report made an attempt to narrow down the gulf between modern institutions and those of Maktabs and Madrasas ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken decisions on many of the recommendations made by the Central Wakf Council ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore ?