

Government Rules

*413. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than four hundred sets of rules and regulations governing the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether there has been an attempt to revise and rationalise the rules to put them in a more coordinated, concise and comprehensive form; and

(c) the progress made in that direction?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A statement giving an account of the possibilities of rationalisation of Rules & Regulations operating in the Ministries, the direction in which further work is required and the progress made so far is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 94]

Talks with Nepalese Foreign Minister

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 Shri Hem Raj:
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadri:
 Shri Assar:
 Shri Ram Garib:
 Shri Balmiki:
 Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Minister of Nepal had had talks with him on the recent developments in that country; and

(b) how far they have been helpful in removing the misunderstandings between the two countries?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi N. Menon):

(a) and (b). The Foreign Minister of Nepal, during his visit to Delhi recently, met the Prime Minister and had a long talk with him in the course of which he explained the viewpoint of the Government of Nepal in regard to recent happenings. There was no question of misunderstanding. The relations between the two countries continue to be normal.

Fertilizer Plant at Alwaye

*415. **Shri Tyagi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 10,000 tons of plant capacity of fertilizer at Alwaye has been lying idle for some months past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the average monthly expenditure of this factory?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Sati h Chandra):

(a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT

The erection of electrolysis plant was completed in March 1960. It could not be commissioned until August 1960 because electric power was not available. In August 1960, 8,000 kW. of power became available and trial runs were carried out during the months of August and September. An additional 10,000 kW. of power became available from 1st February, 1961 and 75 per cent. of the total capacity of this plant is now being utilized.

The erection of the ammonia plant was completed in November 1960 and the plant was commissioned in December 1960. The production of ammonia from the new plant is now 30 tons per day as against the installed capacity of 40 tons a day.

The erection of the ammonium phosphate plant was completed in December 1960 and trial runs are in progress. Present average production is about 30 tons a day.