

of the Paighat Plant and handed over to Instrumentation Ltd. in 1965.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Raw Materials in Plywood Industry, Kerala

2966. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plywood industry in Kerala is suffering due to shortage of urea resin, an adhesive and basic raw material; and

(b) whether Government propose to direct the Fertiliser Corporation Trombay unit to allot sufficient Methanol for making urea resin, by the plywood factories at Punalur, Ealapatnam etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) and (b). There is an overall shortage of Urea Formaldehyde Synthetic Resin Adhesives required by the Plywood Industry due to inadequate availability of Methanol and the consequent shortage of formaldehyde. To overcome the shortage, arrangements have been made to import 16,000 tonnes of Methanol. Of these, 8,000 tonnes have already landed and the balance of 8,000 tonnes is expected to be available shortly. Imports of Methanol are canalised through State Trading Corporation and it is distributed through the Fertilizer Corporation of India to the manufacturers of formaldehyde and urea formaldehyde synthetic resin adhesives. Everything possible is being done to ensure adequate availability of urea formaldehyde resin adhesives to the plywood

industry and it is hoped that the situation will improve by the middle of 1974.

Assistance to Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation for Power Generation

2967. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BGSU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 23rd February, 1974, the Central Planning Minister told the press in Calcutta that the Centre would give financial assistance amounting to Rs. 10 crores to the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation for power generation; and

(b) if so, on what ground this monopoly concern is being given this huge amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

सरकारी कर्मचारियों की सेवा निवृत्ति प्राय की कम करना

2968. श्री धनराज प्रवाल . क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार केंद्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों की सेवा निवृत्ति आयु 58 वर्ष से घटा कर 55 वर्ष कर देने का है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ?

श्री राजाराम लाल कानिक विभाग में, राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिश्रा) : (क) जी नहीं; अधिकांश ;

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।