

ment of Rajasthan with their estimated costs and the present position regarding their approval is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5742/66].

Power Generation in Rajasthan

1889. **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of Rajasthan for generating electricity;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the quantum of power in the State during 1966-67; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) The present installed generating capacity in Rajasthan is 217 MW, including its share capacity in Chambal and Bhakra Nangal Projects and one 10 MW Gas-turbine unit recently commissioned at Kotah.

(b) Yes.

(c) The increase in the power availability during 1966-67 is expected to be 110 MW as per details below:—

- (i) Bhakra Right Bank
(Rajasthan share) — 36 MW
- (ii) Gandhisagar 5th Unit
(Rajasthan share) — 11.5 MW
- (iii) Satpura Thermal Station
(Rajasthan share) — 62.5 MW
- (iv) Diesel Sets — 3 MW

Total 113 MW

Malaria and Filariasis in Rajasthan

1890. **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial assistance given to the State of Rajasthan during the Third Five Year Plan period so

far to eradicate Malaria and Filariasis in the State;

(b) whether the amount has been fully utilised; and

(c) the various steps so far taken to eradicate these diseases?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). Under the Plan of Operations for the National Malaria Eradication Programme, the Government of India have undertaken to supply material and equipment like DDT, anti-malaria drugs, microscopes and microslides free of cost according to the prescribed scale to the State Governments and also to give grant-in-aid to cover the customs duty on imported material. Assistance in the form of material and equipment including the customs duty on the imported material, to the extent of Rs. 163.84 lakhs have been given so far to Rajasthan during the years 1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1965-66.

In addition to the above, the Government of India have also agreed to bear 50 per cent of the expenditure on operational staff and other incidental charges which the State Governments have to meet over and above the expenditure which they were incurring on the normal Health programme in the area. In accordance with the prescribed accounting procedure, cash subsidy on the account is not, however, being paid to the State Governments for individual schemes but is given to them for a group of schemes. Information is, therefore, not available in regard to the actual amounts of cash subsidy drawn by the Government of Rajasthan for the National Malaria Eradication Programme until now through the ways and means advances from the Central Government.

The National Malaria Eradication Programme has been in operation in Rajasthan since 1958. 16.67 units are functioning in Rajasthan each designed to cover about a million population. Proportional case rate of malaria i.e.

percentage of malaria cases to all diseases which was reported to be 11.1 per cent in 1955-56 has been reduced to 0.05 per cent in 1964-65.

No scheme for eradication of Filaria is in operation in Rajasthan.

Price and Production of Gold

1891. Shri Badshah Gupta: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the International price of gold per Tola in terms of rupees and its price per Tola in Delhi, Karachi, Paris, London and Washington; and

(b) the names of the five countries of the world producing the largest quantities of gold annually in descending order?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) The international price of gold per tola in terms of Indian currency is Rs. 62.50. In Delhi, 14-carat gold was quoted at Rs. 98 per tola on March 4, 1966. In Karachi, pure gold is reported to have been quoted at about Rs. 122 per tola at the beginning of February 1966. In London, gold was quoted at the equivalent of Rs. 62.75 per tola on February 18, 1966. In Paris, it was quoted at the equivalent of Rs. 63.00 per tola at the close of December 1965. No quotation for Washington is available.

(b) In 1965, South Africa, Canada, U.S.A., Australia and Ghana were the five countries of the world producing largest quantities of gold in descending order.

Misappropriation of Foreign Exchange by a New Delhi Firm by Diversion of Black Pepper Consignment from Cochin

1892. Shri Shiv Charan Gupta: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Afghanistan have

lodged a complaint against a New Delhi firm regarding the diversion of consignment of black-pepper from Cochin port to other countries with a view to misappropriate foreign exchange;

(b) if so, whether any investigations have been made and any black money unearthed from the said firm and other associates in Delhi and outside during the raids; and

(c) if so, the details of the case and the steps taken to check recurrence of such cases?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). On receipt of information from some other source that a consignment of black pepper shipped from Cochin to Afghanistan via Iran had been diverted enroute; enquiries were made and searches were conducted at Calcutta, Bombay, Amritsar and Cochin in this connection. The matter is still under investigation and further information may not be divulged now without prejudice to public interest.

To safeguard against such diversion, the R.B.I. takes a guarantee from the exporter for the production of documentary proof that the goods have reached Afghanistan.

Textile Factory in Tripura

1893. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from Tripura Government asking for grants for the setting up of a textile factory in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Planning (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) and (b). The Tripura Government have made a proposal for participation in the share capital of a spinning mill to be esta-