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#### Rise in Prices

5482. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been revealed by an analysis of the official index of wholesale prices upto March, 1966 that the general price level in India has risen by about 80 per cent in the past decade spanning the Second and Third Plans and

(b) the effective remedial measures Government propose to take to bring down the general level of prices?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) The general level of wholesale prices, as measured by the general index of wholesale prices (1952-53 - 100), has shown a rise of about 76 per cent in the past decade spanning the Second and Third Plans.

(b) With a view towards stabilizing the general level of prices, the Government would continue to help increase production, to keep a restraint on demand through appropriate fiscal and monetary policies, and to regulate the prices and distribution of essential articles of mass consumption in times of shortage.

#### Strike in Ashoka Hotel

5483. **Shri R. S. Pandey:**

**Shri R. Barua:**

**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lightning strike of employees took place in the Ashoka Hotel recently which disrupted its normal services;

(b) if so, the causes of the strike; and

(c) the loss sustained by the Hotel on account of this strike?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) A certain number of workers, stopped work for some time on the 22nd April, 1966. The normal service on the floors and in the dining rooms was effected for a few hours.

(b) This refusal of the workers to carry on with their normal duties arose out of an allegation that a worker had been maltreated by an executive of the Hotel.

(c) The Hotel did not sustain any loss on account of this incident.

#### Regional Plans for Irrigation, Power and Flood Control

5484. **Shri R. S. Pandey:**

**Shri R. Barua:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some regional plans for irrigation, power and flood control are being chalked out outside the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of this planned programme; and

(c) how it will be implemented?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):** (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Industrial Training Institutes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Orissa

5485. **Shri K. L. More:**

**Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tribal and Rural Welfare Department of Orissa Government have requested the Central Government for allotment of six special industrial training institutes under the Central sector in Orissa to train up Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates during 1965-66 and 1966-67;