

The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) and (b). No. Government caters to the needs of Central Government officers only. However, we have allotted accommodation to non-Government servants in the Working Girls' Hostel to the extent available.

Survey on the Demand of Energy in Northern India

2358. Shri Bagnunath Singh: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the survey conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research on the demand of Energy in Northern India; and

(b) the reaction of Government on the findings of the survey?

The Minister of Planning (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) and (b). The Planning Commission is aware that a report on "Demand for Energy in the Northern India" prepared by the National Council of Applied Economic Research has just been published. The report will be considered in due course.

Power Generation in J. & K.

2359. Shri Rameshwar Tanti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

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

(a) whether Government have recently approved a power generation scheme in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the total estimated cost of the scheme?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) and (b). The Upper Sind Hydro-Electric Scheme—Stage I, estimated to cost

Rs. 421.16 lakhs (Generation Rs. 357.79 lakhs and Transmission Rs. 33.37 lakhs) has been approved, in principle, by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Power Projects.

Shortage of Trained Workers for Family Planning Programme

2360. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the family planning programme has been held up owing to the shortage of trained workers;

(b) if so, the nature and extent of shortage; and

(c) the measures being taken to meet the same?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). Yes. There is shortage of trained personnel for the desired progress of the family planning programme.

(c) The following measures have been/are being taken to meet the shortage:—

(i) More training centres are being established and existing ones are being further strengthened.

(ii) A scheme for the grant of 500 scholarships @ Rs. 100 per month every year to women Medical students, who agree to work under the Family Planning and Maternity & Child Health Programmes for the period for which they avail themselves of the scholarship, has been started;

(iii) Liberalisation of the terms and conditions of service of the Medical Officers to attract them to the rural areas e.g. grant of public health or non-practising allowance, provision of residential accommodation etc.