

(c) when it is likely to be finalised?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) Yes, Sir. The rate of interest has been raised from 4.25 per cent per annum to 4.60 per cent per annum for the current financial year.

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

Missing Documents From Reserve Bank, Nagpur

610. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Dasaratha Deb:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri C. Ko Bhattacharyya:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that valuable documents relating to a case of alleged evasion of Government dues belonging to firms of a leading industrialist of the Nagpur region are reported to be missing from Reserve Bank, Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Upper Indravati Project

611. **Shri Kapur Singh:**
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri P. K. Deo:

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

(a) whether the Upper Indravati project in Orissa has been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, its special features; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) and (c). The Fourth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

(b) The project, as formulated by the Orissa Government involves trans-basin diversion of water from the

Godavari into the Mahanadi. It envisages construction of:—

(i) four dams—one on the main river and the others on three of its tributaries;

(ii) a water conductor system comprising 5,500 ft. of channel and 6,600 ft of tunnel designed for a discharge of 7,500 cusecs to lead the water into the Mahanadi basin; and

(iii) a power house with an installed capacity of 10 units of 60 MW designed to operate at a gross head of about 1,200 ft. The project has been estimated to cost Rs. 60.59 crores and is expected to provide a firm power potential of 227 MW at 100 per cent load factor (380 MW at 60 per cent L.F.). In addition, it will provide irrigation to 2,16,000 acres of land in the Kalahandi District.

Development of the Backward Tract of Orissa

612. **Shri Kapur Singh:**
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri P. K. Deo:

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

(a) whether the Orissa Government have submitted to the Central Government a scheme for the development of the backward tract in that State particularly Kalahandi, Phulbani and Bolangir district;

(b) if so, the details and special features of the scheme; and

(c) whether this scheme has been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6543/66].