

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The following electrification schemes have been released for execution of work on the Pitampura Residential Scheme:

*Poorvi Pitampura:*

Electrification of pockets D, K&H (including street lighting). Uttari Pitampura:

Electrification of pockets K&H T&U (including street lighting).

*Dakshni Pitampura:*

Electrification of packets B^C.&G. (including street lighting).

It is reported by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking that work in 'D' (Poorvi), 'U' (Uttari), 'C' & 'G' (Dakshni) pockets for providing domestic & street lighting is in an advanced stage and electric connections are likely to be given in these pockets in about month's time.

(b) and (c) The schemes for electrification of pockets P&G, U&M (Poorvi) including street lighting are under finalisation. The scheme for electrification of 372 LIG flats in Pocket 'N' (Poorvi) have been finalised by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking but Delhi Development Authority has no scheme for immediate construction in this pocket so far

(d) No temporary arrangements have been provided by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking.

(e) The electrification scheme of Pocket 'R' in Poorvi Pitampura is under finalisation by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking. Work order will be issued on receipt of payments and fulfilment of commercial formalities after the demand note is sent by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking on finalisation of the scheme.

**Proposal to raise the retirement age of Armymen**

\*296. SHRI GHOSH MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the retirement age of Armymen: and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b) The period of colour service for Jawans was enhanced some time back. In view of better health standard and increased longevity in the country, the three Chiefs have been asked to examine the possibility of further enhancing the colour service of Jawans and equivalent ranks in the Navy and Air Force.

The age of retirement of Commissioned Officers in the Army was reviewed and raised in the year 1976. There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government to raise their retirement age.

**Offer of Assistance by Soviet Union to increase India's steel production**

\*297. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN:  
SHRI SITARAM KESRI-  
SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union have offered assistance to increase India's steel production;

(b) if so, what are the details of the assistance offered by the Soviet Union and whether Government have accepted the offer; and

(c) what is the extent to which increase in steel production is likely to be achieved as a result thereof?