

(c) whether in the matter of appointments any committee has been set up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b) Regular recruitment to these categories has not yet taken place. Pending appointments on a regular basis, persons are being engaged on casual basis to carry on day-to-day work according to programme needs.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Regular recruitment/appointments are made through selection by properly constituted selection committees. The composition of a Selection Committee is related to the nature of a particular category. Normally, there is a departmental representative and outside experts who constitute the Selection Committee.

Loktak Project

737. SHRI IRENGBAM TOMPOK SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) by when Loktak Project is to be commissioned and what steps are being taken in this regard; and

(b) whether it is a fact that proper tools and implements are not properly used for the Project ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) The first unit of the Loktak Hydro-electric Project is expected to be commissioned in 1980.

(b) No, Sir.

Scheme to help the families of low paid Government employees

738. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have formulated any scheme for giving training in tailoring and sewing to help the families of low-paid Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Government are already operating a scheme of imparting training in cutting, tailoring and embroidery to families of Central Government employees. The scheme was first started in 1957 and is being run through the Grih Kalyan Kendra, a Wing of the Staff Welfare Organisation of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms. The training is conducted at 55 centres situated in Delhi, Bombay, Madras and six other places. A nominal fee of Rs. 3 per mensem is charged from families of class IV employees and Rs. 6 per mensem from others. The intention of the scheme is to help these families to utilise their leisure hours gainfully as well as to enable them to supplement their family income with the skill gained as a result of the training. Those womenfolk as are willing to undertake stitching of liveries for Government staff are permitted to work in the production centres of the Grih Kalyan Kendra at New Delhi, Madras and Dehra Dun.

Shortage of cement and iron in Manipur

739. SHRI I. TOMPOK SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of buildings in Manipur and north eastern zone has been hampered due to short supply of cement and iron in that zone during 1975; and