

from West Germany) are working satisfactorily. The German Units have a plate capacity of 75 MW but these are now capable of generating between 50 and 55 MW. Various items of auxiliary equipment, however, need renovation and rehabilitation to bring them back to a satisfactory level of reliability and efficiency.

(c) and (d) The Stores Organisation of the D.V.C. is concerned with the procurement and storage of spare parts and other stores required for various units. The Central Services Organisation was created for fabrication work and repair work. It was originally not meant for manufacturing Fast Wearing Spares for Thermal Stations. However, considering foreign exchange difficulties, fabrication of Fast Wearing Spares was taken up in 1960. The value of the spares manufactured during the last three years is approximately Rs. 30 lakhs. This total includes import substitution of the value of Rs. 20 lakhs.

(e) and (f) Boiler manufacturers do not give any longevity certificate. The life of a boiler is assumed to be 20/25 years as per Electricity Rules.

High pressure tubes of 3 boilers out of 4 units of Bokaro Thermal Power Station which have been in service for the last 20 years are being replaced now.

(g) The 4th unit of Durgapur Thermal Power Station at D.V.C. is to be set up during the Fifth Plan Period.

Transmitter of Radio Station at Allepey

1264. DR. RAMKRIPAL SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what steps Government propose to take to strengthen the transmitter of the Radio Station at Allepey in Kerala?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): A high power medium-wave transmitter is already functioning at Allepey. Therefore, the question of strengthening further the power of the transmitter does not arise. 9—15 RSS/ND/74

Wall newspapers in regional languages

1265. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring out wall newspapers in those regional languages which do not have their own newspapers or journals; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b) Within limited resources wall newspapers may be started on a selected basis in areas which do not have access to regular newspapers. An edition in Malayalam for Lakshdweep and one in Khasi for the tribal areas of Assam have been started.

Completion of Kami Pratap Sagar Project

1266. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stoppage of Canadian aid to India has caused a set back in the completion of Rana Pratap Sagar Power Project;

(b) if so, to what extent agriculture is affected for want of power supply on that account; and

tc) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The first unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) is already under 'commercial' operation. The stoppage of the Canadian aid has to some extent caused a set back to RAPS-II which is presently under construction.

(b) The second unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station was, even earlier, expected to be commissioned in 1976. As such the affect, if any, on agriculture on account of the delay in its commissioning would depend upon the power supply position of the region at that time.