

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QUARESHI): (a) to (c) Sir, two statements are laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix LXXXII. Annexure No. 1 and %].

NATIONAL WATER GRID

♦18. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN:

SHRI K. A. KRISHNASWAMY: SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN: SHRI SITARAM KESRI: SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAI: SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN: SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report of the Expert Committee of the United Nations on National Water Grid connecting Ganga with Cauvery was handed over to him while he was in New York for an inter-Governmental meeting on the use of waters;

(b) if so, whether he had discussions on various aspects of the report with the U.N. Director of the Resources and Transport Division;

(c) if the reply to part (b) be in the affirmative, how far Government have accepted the recommendations and

(d) what steps are being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The recommendations of the report are receiving attention. After acceptance, it is proposed to take up field investigations and office studies of the National Water Grid in general and the proposed Ganga Cauvery Link Scheme in particular.

†] English translation.

CRUDE OIL FROM IRAN

• 14. SHRI VEERENDRA

PATIL: SHRI BANARSI DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 171 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 1972 and state what quantity of crude to be imported from Iran will be carried to India by Indian ships?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE): It is difficult to forecast the quantity of crude likely to be carried by Indian ships. In accordance with the Government's policy and procedure, all available Indian tankers are utilised provided they are available in the required position at competitive rates and only when Indian tankers are not available, foreign tankers are chartered to carry crude oil.

STRIKE BY LOCO RUNNING STAFF OF SOUTHERN AND SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAYS

♦15. SHRI K. C. PANDA:

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI GANESHI LAL CHOUDHARY:

SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:

SHRI S. D. MISRA:

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL:

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI:

SHRI BANARSI DAS:

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:

SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN:

SHRI K. A. KRISHNASWAMY:

SHRI PATIL PUTTAPPA:

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE:

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON:

SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN:

SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA:

SHRI V. K. SAKHLECHA:

SHRI J. P. YADAV:

SHRI RATTAN LAL JAIN:

SHRI O. P. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to resolve the issues which led to the strike and mass absenteeism by the loco running staff