

†[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 LXXVII Annexure No 1 and 2]

NATIONAL WATER GRID

*13 SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN

SHRI K A KRISHNASWAMY

SHRI K CHANDRASEKHARAN

SHRI SITARAM KESRI

SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH

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 UN 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

CRUDE OIL FROM IRAN

*14 SHRI VEFRINDRA 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 LAW AND JUSTICE AND 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 BHOJA PRASAD

SHRI S D MISRA

SHRI VEFRINDRA PATIL

SHRI MAHAVIR TIYAGI

SHRI BANARSI DAS

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL

SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN

SHRI K A KRISHNASWAMY

SHRI PALLI PUTTAPPA

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE

SHRI IOKANATH MISRA

SHRI BAIACHANDRA MENON

SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN

SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA

SHRI V K SAKHIECHA

SHRI J P YADAV

SHRI RATTAN LAL JAIN

SHRI O P TIYAGI

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