

made to optimise production by improving the efficiencies of extraction, use of high yielding strains of streptomycin, etc. The undertaking has also on hand and expansion and diversification programme, which when implemented, is expected to improve its profitability.

#### PRICES AND QUALITY OF INDIAN-MADE FIBRE

423. SHRI KRISHAN KANT :  
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :  
SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :  
SHRI SYED AHMAD :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there continues to be a considerable difference in the prices and quality of Indian made fibre and the corresponding foreign products; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) There is not much difference in the quality though there are substantial price differences.

(b) the importation of raw material involving freight charges, the non-availability of the economy of scale, the imposition of fiscal levies on raw materials and intermediate stages of production are the principal reasons for the price differential.

#### ICMF'S PROPOSAL FOR IMPORT OF MACHINERY FOR MODERNISATION

424. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR  
MUKHERJEE :  
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have rejected the proposal of Indian Cotton Mills Federation to import sophisticated machinery up to 15 per cent of their exports for modernisation of their units; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal could not be accepted because of the shortage of foreign exchange.

#### कानपुर-दिल्ली रेल मार्ग का विद्युतीकरण

425. श्री मानसिंह वर्मा :  
श्री रत्न लाल जैन :  
श्री ना. कृ. शेजवलकर :  
श्री लाल आडवाणी :  
श्री जगदीशप्रसाद माथुर :  
श्री डी. के. पटेल :  
सरदार कुमार सं. चं० आंग्रे :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर रेलवे के कानपुर-दिल्ली सेशन और दिल्ली के अन्दर रेल मार्गों का विद्युतीकरण कब तक हो जाने की आशा है ?

#### \* [ELECTRIFICATION OF KANPUR-DELHI SECTION]

425. SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA :  
SHRI RATTAN LAL JAIN :  
SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR :  
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :  
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD  
MATHUR :  
SHRI D. K. PATEL :  
SHRI S. C. ANGRE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the time by when the Kanpur-Delhi section of the Northern Railway and the railway lines within Delhi is expected to be electrified ?]

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद शफी कुरेशी) : उत्तर रेलवे के कानपुर-दिल्ली खण्ड पर टूंडला तक को रेलवे लाइन का पहले ही विद्युतीकरण किया जा चुका है और आशा

\* [ English translation.

है कि टूंडला से दिल्ली तक के शेष भाग का विद्युतीकरण 1975-76 के अन्त तक कर दिया जायेगा। टूंडला-दिल्ली विद्युतीकरण योजना के भाग के रूप में दिल्ली क्षेत्र में निम्नलिखित लाईनों का विद्युतीकरण किया जायेगा :—

(I) साहिबाबाद-तिलक ब्रिज-नई दिल्ली दिल्ली।

(II) सहिबाबाद-हजरत निजामुद्दीन-तुगलकाबाद।

(III) साहिबाबाद-शाहदरा-दिल्ली।

**\*\*[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) :** Out of the Kanpur-Delhi section of the Northern Railway, the Railway line upto Tundla has already been electrified and the remaining portion between Tundla and Delhi is expected to be electrified by the end of 1975-76. The following lines in the Delhi area will be electrified as part of Tundla-Delhi electrification scheme :—

(i) Sahibabad—Tilak Bridge—New Delhi—Delhi.

(ii) Sahibabad-Hazarat Nizamuddin-Tughlakabad.

(iii) Sahibabad-Shahdara-Delhi]

#### APPOINTMENTS IN RAILWAYS THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

426 SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of appointments, category wise, made in the various Zonal Railways during the years 1969, 1970 and 1971, through Public Service Commission or otherwise ; and

(b) how many of these, so appointed are residents of West Bengal, Orissa, Assam

Tripura, Meghalaya and other contiguous Eastern States and Territories ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF POWER PROJECTS

427. SHRI D P SINGH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Power Economy Committee had in its Report underlined that operational efficiency rather than inadequate investment, was the primary hurdle in power projects, and

(b) if so what steps have been taken by Government to improve operational efficiency ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BRIJ NATH KUREEL) ; (a) and (b) The Power Economy Committee considered both improvement of operational efficiency as well as adequate investments as important for the power projects. The Government is already making a multi-pronged attack on the question of operational efficiency :—

(i) The recommendations of the Power Economy Committee for improvement in economy and efficiency of power projects operation have been communicated to all the State Governments/State Electricity Boards for implementation.

(ii) Two Teams of Experts, one for hydroelectric power stations and the other for thermal power stations are being set up for inspecting the power stations periodically, giving expert advice on operation and maintenance problems, and recommending appropriate procedures for operation and preventive maintenance.