

(d) whether any step has been taken to construct power stations by adopting precast pattern?

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

(c) Five Working Groups have been set up by the Central Board of Irrigation and Power to consider the question of Standardisation of heavy electrical equipment. It has also been decided by the Central Board of Irrigation and Power to set up a special committee to examine the question of standardisation in civil engineering structures.

(d) In certain Thermal Power Stations constructed in India with Soviet assistance, the Soviet pattern of precast construction has been partially adopted. This pattern is likely to be adopted in some more Thermal Power Stations to be taken up in the Fourth Plan.

#### L.I.C. House

231. **SHRI R. P. KHAITAN:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has constructed some houses for sale to the public in 1966; and

(b) if so, how much amount was spent on the construction of such houses and what are the sale proceeds of those houses?

**THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI):** (a) No, Sir. The L.I.C. has not constructed any houses for sale to the public, but has sold some properties inherited by it from private Insurance Companies.

(b) Does not arise.

#### ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS IN DELHI

232. **SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the machinery for allotment of shops in the new markets constructed by the Ministry in the various colonies of Delhi;

(b) whether any tenders are invited; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there are complaints of favouritism in the allotment of shops?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH):** (a) Allotments are made by the Directorate of Estates.

(b) Vacancies in the existing markets are allotted on the basis of tenders.

(c) No.

#### JET FUEL

233. **SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:** Will the Minister of PLANNING, PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has achieved self-sufficiency in fuel for jet planes of the Indian Air Force and

(b) if so, what is the monthly consumption of the fuel; and from where it is produced indigenously?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH):** (a) Yes.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose this information.

#### LOAN TO INDIA BY ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

234. **SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Asian Development Bank is expected to make available its first loans to India in the near future;