

(d) whether it is also a fact that the tube-well now sunk for the purpose remains inoperative and if so, the reasons therefor and when it is likely to start working?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH) (a) Yes

(b) to (d) Lawns could not be raised in the colony for want of unfiltered water for irrigation. About two years back, a tubewell was sunk and pipe lines were laid. The tubewell was handed over to the Municipal Corporation for augmenting supply of filtered water to neighbouring areas. Another tubewell has been constructed recently and horticulture work in the colony will now be taken up.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR SPORTS

107 SHRI MAHAMMED HANEEF Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of Foreign Exchange allocated in the current year to Indian Sportsmen and Teams to participate in international competitions, and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Education asked for a specific allocation of Foreign Exchange to be made annually for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R DESAI) (a) Allocations are normally not made for such "invisible" items of foreign exchange expenditure. Each individual case is examined on merits and suitable amount of foreign exchange is released. The amount released during 1966-67 came to Rs 1,70,455.

(b) Yes, Sir

ALL INDIA GRID

108 SHRI M C SHAH Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the ap-

proximate time by which the All India Grid connecting the country's five regional grids will begin to operate?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR K L RAO): The first phase of the Regional Grids in the country is expected to be completed by the end of 4th Plan paving the way for an All India Grid during the Fifth Plan period.

BEGGARS IN DELHI

109 SHRI MAHAMMED HANEEF Will the Minister of PLANNING, PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the census of beggars in Delhi was taken last and what was the population of beggars then, and

(b) whether the population of beggars has decreased since then?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DR SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA) (a) No census of beggars as such has been undertaken so far. However, the Delhi School of Social Work conducted a sample survey in 1955 and published the findings in 1959. It estimated the beggar population in Delhi at about 3,300.

(b) No specific information on the subject is available.

AWARD FOR PRICE OF GAS IN GUJARAT

110 SHRI M C SHAH Will the Minister of PLANNING, PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No 387 in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1966 and state the time by which award for the price of gas in Gujarat is likely to be given by the Arbitrator?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K RAGHURAMAIAH): The