

tion held in October last have been published or otherwise brought to the notice of the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied them and whether any of the processes of desalination revealed at the Conference can be adopted in India;

(c) whether the flash desalination processes developed in Britain by the Weir Westgarh Company producing 1-1½ million gallons of fresh water a day can be adopted in India; and

(d) whether the Ministry are aware that this Company produces desalination at the cost of 3 shillings per one thousand gallons and whether this would be economical for India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) The proceedings have not so far been received by the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The flash desalination processes is considered to be too costly for being adopted in India at present.

BEAS PROJECT

*48. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed a Committee regarding the sharing of cost of the Beas Project between the Governments of Punjab and Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir:

(b) A statement is placed on the of the House.

STATEMENT

Beas Project

Dr. A. N. Khosla, who formed the one-man committee has made the following recommendations with regard to the sharing of the cost of and benefits from the Beas Project between Punjab and Rajasthan:—

(i) Sharing of Power Benefits—

Unit I Dehar Power House	Additional power at Bhakra due to construction of Unit I	Unit II
Punjab	80%	84.78%
Rajasthan	20%	15.22%
		40%
		60%

(ii) Sharing of Cost—

Unit I (Cost of Power portion only)	Unit II (Cost in full)
Punjab	80%
Rajasthan	20%
	40%
	60%

For sharing of irrigation benefits no change was recommended in the shares already decided in the Inter-State Agreement of 29-1-1955.

AID INDIA CONSORTIUM

*49. SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the member-countries of the Aid India Consortium which had suspended or curtailed aid to India during the recent Indo-Pakistani conflict, have since resumed the aid; and

(b) if so, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI SACHINDRA CHAUDHUR)

(a) and (b) Action with member