

including old plants to meet the shortage. As a result, there has been no cut in the supply to the consumers in Delhi.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR BEAS DAM

*58. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state whether the Government of Punjab has requested the Central Government for Rs. 2 crore foreign exchange to enable it to expedite the completion of the Beas Dam?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): The Beas Project authorities have requested for release of foreign exchange worth about Rs. 1 crore to meet their immediate requirements. The proposal is under examination.

CONCESSION TO INCOME-TAX ASSESSEES IN BORDER AREAS

*59. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued instructions to the Income-Tax authorities in the Punjab, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir States asking them not to levy any penalty for non-payment of income-tax from people in the border areas; and

(b) if so, the period for which this concession has been extended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Up to the end of February, 1966.

POLITICAL LEADERS IN RAMSWAROOP T.B. HOSPITAL, MEHRAULI

*60. SHRI ABDUL GHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Ramswaroop T.B. Hospital, Mehrauli, rent is being paid by Government when political leaders take indoor treatment in special wards;

(b) if so, the amount paid in this respect during the last two years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that recently political leaders have been transferred from special wards of the hospital to general wards; if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c) does not arise.

GODAVARI BARRAGE

19. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India has accepted the recommendation of the Mitra Committee to the effect that the Godavari barrage should be located at Dowlaisywarum, about 150 ft. above the present site of the anicut; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard to other recommendations of the Mitra Committee?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) and (b) Recommendations are accepted. The Report has been sent to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for implementation.

COMMERCIAL CREDITS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

20. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union has agreed to give India commercial credits repayable over a 10 year period in order to enable imports of spare parts and components