

†[THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) Yes.

(b) This is already in vogue, particularly in respect of transmission lines at voltage up to 11 Kv.]

VISIT OF INVENTOR OF LOOPS IN INDIA

71. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dr. Jack Lippes, inventor of the loops, visited India recently; and

(b) if so, what consultations Government had with him in respect of use of loops in India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India discussed with Dr. Jack Lippes various aspects of the Family Planning Programme with the use of the loop. He visited several States and made suggestions for stepping up the programme.

TRAFFICKING IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE IN MADRAS

72. SHRI A. D. MANI : will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illicit trafficking in foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 75 lakhs was detected by the Enforcement Directorate in Madras during May, 1966; and

(b) if so, what are the broad details of the cases relating to such trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI SACHINDRA CHAUDHURI) :

(a) During May 1966 the Enforcement Directorate detected a number of cases of 'illicit trafficking in import licences. A firm figure of the amount of foreign exchange involved is not yet available, but it may come to about Rs. 75 lakhs.

(b) The cases relate to alleged misuse of import licences issued to several hides and skin merchants in Madras.

†[] English translation.

100 MW THERMAL POWER STATION IN KERALA

73. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the suggestion made by the Committee on Public Undertakings regarding the setting up of a 100 megawatt thermal station in Kerala has been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) A scheme for the establishment of a Thermal Power Station at Cochin with an initial capacity of 30 MW has been sanctioned for implementation. Further expansion is under consideration.

TRIPARTITE BODY FOR RAISING PRODUCTIVITY

74. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairmen of Study Groups of the Planning Commissions panel on labour policy have at their recent meeting in Delhi suggested the setting up to a tripartite body of employers, workers and specialists to study measures for raising productivity in the country; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken on the suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI ASOKA MEHTA) : (a) and (b) The Chairman of Study Groups set up by the Planning Commission's Panel on Labour Policy met on May 6, 1966 to review the recommendations of individual Study Groups. In considering the suggestions of the Study Group on Productivity and Incentives, they agreed that in devising appropriate incentive schemes for improving productivity, in addition to the unit by unit approach, problems of productivity should be considered from the wider angle of each industry as a whole. It