

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): In terms of the agreements entered into with the State Governments, the Reserve Bank of India act as their bankers, and the details of transactions between them or the Reserve Bank's reports to the Centre connected therewith, cannot, following the normal banking convention, be made public.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY

115. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) how much of the Third Five Year Plan allotment for rural water supply has so far been spent and what is the balance to be spent; and

(b) out of the balance how much is estimated to be spent by the end of the Third Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) Out of a total provision of Rs. 16.57 crores for rural water supply schemes under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (Rural), a sum of about Rs. 10.35 crores is the estimated expenditure during the first three years of the Third Five Year Plan.

(b) The entire balance amount is expected to be spent by the end of the Third Five Year Plan. It is hoped that some more funds may also be made available and spent during the remaining part of the Third Five Year Plan.

FINANCE MINISTER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. MIKOYAN

116. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had discussions with Mr. Mikoyan the then First Deputy Prime Minister of Soviet Union on or about June 20, 1964; and

(b) if so, what subjects were discussed and what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) and (b) Mr. A. I. Mikoyan, formerly First Deputy Chairman of the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers paid a goodwill visit to India on the 20th and 21st June, 1964, on his way to Djakarta. No discussion of any specific matter was held with him when he met the Finance Minister.

SRI SAILAM AND POCHAMPAD PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

117. SHRI Y. A. REDDY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 272 in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1964, and state;

(a) whether Government propose to take over the Sri Sailam and Pochampad Projects of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) No. The general question is still under consideration.

(b) The present thinking is in favour of allotting additional funds subject to availability of resources. The works are progressing satisfactorily under the control of the Andhra Pradesh Government.

आयकर का अपवंचन

११८. श्री गिरिराज किशोर कपूर : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आयकर अधिनियम में किये गये संशोधनों के फलस्वरूप क्या आयकर के अपवंचन में कुछ कमी हुई है ;