

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) Five staff cars have been purchased by various Ministries since 9th June, 1964. These are not necessarily for the use of Ministers.

(b) Four of the five cars are imported ones and were purchased from the State Trading Corporation.

FREQUENT ELECTRICITY BREAK-DOWNS IN DELHI

136. SHRI FARIDUL HAQANSARI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the reasons for frequent break-down of electricity in Delhi, particularly in the Ferozshah Road area during April and May, 1964?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): There have been occasional break-downs. These have, mainly, been due to defects in the distribution system, insufficient capacity of feeders and want of duplicate feeding arrangements. Extensions to the distribution system and other steps have been taken by both the Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking and the New Delhi Municipal Committee in their respective areas of supply and it is expected that there will be improvement in the position in regard to continuity in the supply of electricity.

The break-downs in power supply of more than 3 minutes duration occurred in the Ferozshah Road area once during April, 1964 and five times in May, 1964. The breakdown in April, 1964 was on account of the failure of supply from the generating source, while the breakdowns in May, 1964 were due to a fault in the cable connecting the transformer which could not be located for sometimes in spite of efforts made. Eventually, the cable broke-down and the fault was located and remedied. The other power failures were of momentary nature in the area due to transient faults in the distribution system.

NATIONALISATION OF BANKS

137. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the resolution passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly asking for the nationalisation of banks; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI) : (a) No. Although Government's attention has been drawn to certain reports published in the daily newspapers, no official communication from the West Bengal Government has been received on this subject.

(b) Does not arise.

NARMADA VALLEY PROJECT

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR:

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Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the progress made in the Narmada Valley Project?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): Preliminary works such as construction of roads, buildings, drilling work and other survey and investigations in the Broach Project are in progress.

A Committee has been set up to draw up a master plan for the optimum and integrated development of the Narmada water resources. It is expected to submit its report in four months.

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