

WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE SECTOR

738. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. George Woods, President of the World Bank, during his recent visit to India, indicated that the Bank was devising means to facilitate larger assistance to the private sector;

(b) if so, what sort of assistance is proposed to be given to the private sector; and

(c) whether this matter was discussed with him by Government?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI) : (a) to (c) Mr. Woods is reported to have stated in a Press Conference that the World Bank would do every thing it can to help the Government of India and the Private Sector to continue to grow and to enlarge their efficiency and productivity. There is, however, *no* record of his having said that the Bank would try to facilitate "larger" assistance to the private sector.

POWER SUPPLY TO AGRICULTURISTS

739. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the necessity for higher food production, Government have taken any steps to make power available to agriculturists, wherever possible, at subsidised or concessional rates; and

(b) if so, what are these steps?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) (b) The question of granting Central loan assistance to State Governments, *on easy* terms, for extension of power supply to rural areas for agricultural purposes is under consideration. Further, a proposal for subsidizing the rate of supply of power for agricultural pumping, in backward areas like North Bihar and I

eastern uttar praadesh, etc., will be under consideration.

740. [Transferred to the 3rd October, 1964.]

KALAKOTE THERMAL POWER STATION PROJECT

741. SHRI OM MEHTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) when the thermal power station project at Kalakote in Jammu is being commissioned; and

(b) whether it is a fact that capacity of the project has been reduced due to lack of adequate coal deposits?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b) During the Third Five Year Plan, installation of three units of 75 MW each at Kalakote in Jammu and Kashmir was sanctioned. However, only two units are being installed for the present pending establishing of adequacy of coal reserves to sustain three units of 75 MW each. These two units are expected to be commissioned by the end of 1965. In the meantime, detailed investigations on extractable coal reserves in Kalakote area are in progress. The question of installation of the third unit will be re-examined after the results of the investigations are known.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR THE STUDY TOUR OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY OF RAJASTHAN GOVERNMENT

/ SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: \ SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total amount of foreign exchange sanctioned for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Chief Secretary of the Rajasthan Government and other seventeen officers who are going to Yugoslavia