

Pay Range	Type	Dates covered
From Rs. 700—1299 . . .	V	January, 1951.
„ Rs. 1300—2249 . . .	VI	April, 1948.
„ Rs. 2250—and above . . .	VII	January, 1951.

(e) More and more constructions are being planned, and at present 4366 units of accommodation are in various stages of construction.

FIRE INCIDENTS IN THE CENTRAL SECRETARIAT BUILDING

44. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire incidents in the Central Secretariat Building, New Delhi, during the last six months;

(b) the amount of loss due to these incidents;

(c) whether Government have held any inquiry to find out the causes of the fires and if so, what are the causes; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) 17.

(b) Approximate loss in 6 cases comes to Rs. 190. In 8 cases, there was no loss and for the remaining cases the loss has not yet been estimated.

(c) Yes. In some cases, fire was caused by electrical short circuits. The other cases are still under investigation.

(d) The question of taking preventive measures is under examination.

IMPORT LICENCES GRANTED TO S.T.C.

45. SHRI A. M. TARIQ: Will the Minister of INTERNATIONAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of import licences granted to the State Trading Corporation during the year 1962-63; and

(b) the number of such import licences which were transferred by the State Trading Corporation to private importers for execution?

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) 2271. Out of these 2115 import licences were operated through the agencies of private importers with whom the S.T.C. entered into business contracts as its agents for the contracts.

VILLAGES ELECTRIFIED DURING FIRST TWO YEARS OF THIRD FIVE YEAR PLAN

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

(a) the State-wise number of villages electrified in first two years of the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) what was the target in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b) A statement giving the required information is attached.