

on rural electrification from the Department itself, viz., if there are any profits, they should be ploughed back for this purpose. If they are not in a position to have sufficient funds, then a case may be made out for subsidy.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Am I to understand from this answer, Sir, that the principle of subsidising rural electrification has been accepted by Government?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes, under these conditions.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the Government have taken a decision in the Board of Co-ordination of Ministers, with regard to the standardisation of construction practices and designs?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Not yet.

*411 and *412. [*The questioner (Shri Krishnakant Vyas) was absent. For answers vide cols. 2630-2631, infra.*]

PROJECT REPORTS ON HEAVY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FACTORY

*413 DR RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken on the project reports received from the two firms for the establishment of the proposed State Heavy Electrical Equipment factory?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): The matter is under consideration and a decision on the selection of consultants is expected to be taken shortly.

DR RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, whether these firms have submitted only ordinary project reports or detailed project reports?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Detailed project reports have been submitted by a few firms and negotiations are being carried on at present with two.

CONSTRUCTION OF A CONFERENCE HALL IN NEW DELHI

*414 DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to build a Conference Hall in New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the plans for the same have been finalised; and

(c) when its construction work will commence?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) It has already commenced.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, whether the building in which this Hall is to be there will contain anything other than this Hall?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It will contain many other things besides the mere Hall. For instance, the Hall itself will contain a lot of furniture. And there will be different rooms attached to the Hall and there will also be some office rooms.

DR RAGHUBIR SINH: What is the estimated cost of this Hall?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: We have gone out for tenders and I think the cost will be anywhere between Rs 30 and 40 lakhs.

DR RAGHUBIR SINH: Is not the cost finalised before the project is sanctioned?