

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) : (a) The expenditure incurred on the power portion of the Bhakra-Nangal Project up to the end of October 1954, is as follows: —

(1) Civil works ..	Rs. 428*13 lakhs
(2) Electrical works ..	Rs. 359'79 „
Total	Rs. 787-92 „

(b) The tentative share of the participating Governments in the above expenditure is: —

Punjab ..	62-36 per cent.
PEPSU ..	22-42 per cent -
Rajasthan ..	15-22 per cent.

FOREIGN EXPENDITURE FOR THE FIVE YEAR PLAN

HI. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to State:

(a) the total foreign exchange expenditure incurred on the Five Year Plan during the first years of the Plan period;

(b) the estimated dollar expenditure required for the Five Year Plan; and

(c) the actual dollar expenditure incurred during the first three years of the Plan?

THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) It is not possible to estimate directly the total foreign exchange expenditure incurred on the Five Year Plan during the first three years as part, of the imports needed come on private account. It may be stated, however, that between the end of March 1951 and the end of March 1954 India's sterling balances declined by Rs. 131 crores and the amount of external assistance utilised was also about Rs. 131 crores.

(b) Separate estimates for the Five Year Plan have not been worked out, as the areas from which purchases of plant, equipment or materials are made have to be determined in the light of relative prices and availability;

(c) No information is available.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION AND POWER PROJECTS

112. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Committee on Irrigation and Power Projects appointed under the Planning Commission Resolution No. PC/(V)/IV/ 5/54, dated the 20th February 1954 has begun functioning;

(b) whether any interim report has been submitted by the Committee; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Committee is required to examine projects received from the States. It has not been asked to submit any reports as such.

STORES PURCHASE COMMITTEE

113. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Stores Purchase Committee has concluded its deliberations;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) what action Government propose to take on each of these recommendations; and

(d) how many Members of Parliament were consulted and how many States were visited by the Committee?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a), (b), (c) and (d). The Stores Purchase Committee has not yet concluded its deliberations.