

TRANSFER OF AGENCY V

*63. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transfer of agency work from the Commonwealth Relations Office to the High Commissioner for India in London has been completed, if so, when; and

(b) if there is any such work still to be transferred what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI C. D. DESHMUKH): (a) No Sir, the transfer has not been completed.

(b) The work in connection with the management of sterling debt and railway annuities and payment of military pensions is still with the Commonwealth Relations Office. The transfer of this work is under discussion with the United Kingdom Government and as the completion of certain legal formalities may be involved it is likely to take some time.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is it not a fact, Sir, that this work was scheduled to be completed by the end of March, 1953?

SHRI C. D. DESHMUKH: That may be so, Sir, but there are fresh points which have arisen and which have to be cleared before the transfer can be completed.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, how long it is likely to take?

SHRI C. D. DESHMUKH: I am not in a position to indicate an exact period.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is the function of pensions with the High Commissioner's Office or with the Commonwealth Relations Office?

SHRI C. D. DESHMUKH: The entire agency work which was performed by the Commonwealth Relations Office has

been taken over by the High Commissioner except the work connected with the payment of military pensions and the management of the sterling debt and railway annuities.

PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A WIND-MILL IN RAJASTHAN

*64. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to install a wind-mill in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, for what purpose and what are the particulars of the windmill?

' THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALA-VIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT*Purpose and particulars of the Wind-Mill*

The wind-mill will be used to lift water from wells or rivers for irrigation. It will serve as a proto-type for evolving cheap efficient units suitable for Indian conditions made from indigenous materials.

The wind-mill is the usual conventional multibladed type of 10 ft. diameter carried on a shaft which revolves on ball bearings and drives a double crank mechanism through gears to operate the cross-head. The complete head is mounted on a ball bearing turn table situated on the tower cap. It is self governing and self oiling with adjustable stroke.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Where is this wind-mill to be installed? Has the place been selected?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: There are ¹ various places in the country which