

CONSULTATIVE BODIES, CONVERSION

The Speaker told Lok Sabha members on Wednesday that he would take up with the Government the question of converting the Consultative Committees attached to various Ministries into Parliamentary Committees, reports UNI.

The Speaker's decision followed a controversy on whether the proceedings of the Consultative Committees should be raised in the House or not. When Mr P. K. Vasudevan Nair (CPI) spoke of a decision in the Consultative Committee against any rise in the prices of cloth Mr D. N. Patodia protested against the reference.

The Speaker the other day cautioned against it when Mr N. G. Ranga alleged that the Government had dropped draft legislation against the Naxalites under Communist pressure in the West Bengal Consultative Committee.

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...of the difficult situation created by the power shortage in the State, reports: UNI.

Mr Bassi stressed that as the Bhakra project provided water for irrigation and power generation, these objectives should be kept in view while releasing water from the dam.

Mr Bassi later told correspondents that farmers who owned tubewells in the State would be charged Rs 5 per horse power instead of the present Rs 7 from August onwards until the power situation improved in the State.

KERB RATES

BOMBAY

(9-45 p.m. rates)

Tata Steel Ordy	Rs 111.75
Indian Iron	Rs 16.50
—UNI.	

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Aug 5.—Cotton futures opened October 26.05—AP.