

(c) when was the proposal received ; and

(d) whether Government have given clearance to the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. (KPCL) had forwarded the projects report on Sarapadi Barrage project on the Netravathi River in June, 1989. the scheme envisages construction of a 10 m high barrage across Netravathi River and a surface power station with 3 bulb type units of 40 MW each.

(d) No, Sir.

HDP Woven-Bag Manufacturing Units in Maharashtra

9976. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and capacity of high density polyethylene manufacturing units in small scale sector in Maharashtra;

(b) whether a large number of those units are running at low capacity and have closed down/gone sick over the past 2-3 years. because of the policy change in favour of jute mills making it obligatory on the part of fertilizer units/sugar units and food corporation units to use jute bags; and

(c) If so, whether Government propose to consider suitable revision of Textile Policy so as to ensure that the interest of HDPE bags manufacturing units is adequately protected and the investment made in this industry is not rendered infructious?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) There are large nos. of small scale units of HDPE woven sacks in

Maharashtra

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Textile Policy does not cover the HDP bags manufacturing. There is, however, Jute Packaging Materials Act- 1987 which gives authority to the Government to prescribe certain percentages, about the use of jute bags. These percentages have to be suitably modified for giving the appropriate market shares to HDPE bags unit.

Modernisation of Coir Industry

9977. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the Coir Industry in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is contemplated to make any major changes in the existing coir policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (d). The policy of the Government of India is to modernise and improve the productivity of the Coir Industry. Under Cooperativisation Scheme, assistance has been extended towards modernisation and renovation of equipments. No major changes are contemplated in the existing policy at present.

[*Translation*]

Technical Fees Paid by Tyre Industry

9978. SHRISANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: