

(d) The institution has submitted a utilisation certificate and Statement of accounts showing utilisation of grant alongwith its matching share duly audited by Chartered Accountant.

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#### Study Centres of IGNOU In Karnataka.

4209. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the places where the study Centres of Indira Gandhi National Open University are functioning in Karnataka;

• (b) whether there is any proposal to open the Study Centre of the above University at Hassan during 1990-91; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) According to the information furnished by IGNOU, Study Centre of the University are functioning Bangalore, Mangalore, Dharwar and Gulbarga in Karnataka.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. 559, 60

#### Bullock Cart Project of IIM, Bangalore

4210. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when the project relating to bullock cart was taken up by the Indian Institute of management, Bangalore;

(b) whether the above project has been completed;

(c) if so, the total amount spent on the above project; and

(d) whether the bullock cart designed by the Indian Institute of management has been put to practical use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) In 1979.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). According to the information received from the Institute, the net expenditure incurred is about Rs. 8 lakhs. the Institute provided the Ministry of Surface Transport, who funded the project, appropriate designs eventually leading to the manufacture of a bullock cart, and these designs were sent to the Ministry of Rural development for propagation of the carts.

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#### Cabinet Committee for Central Projects

4211. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYA-WANSHI:  
SHRI PRAKASH KOKO  
BRAHMBHATT:  
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-  
WARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Cabinet Committee under the Prime Minister to review delays in the implementation of projects costing over Rs. 100 crores as a part of on-going exercise to curb non-essential expenditure;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee; and

(c) when the Committee is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) The Prime Minister, who is also the Minister-in-charge of the Ministry of Programme Implementation, has recently started reviewing the projects having high cost and time overruns with the Ministers concerned, as a part of an on-going exercise to review and resolve problems being faced by these projects in their implementation. No Cabinet Committee for Central Projects as such has been set up.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Nuclear Power Plant in Bihar**

4212. SHRI L.V. SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage in power generation in Bihar;

(b) whether Bihar is rich in uranium minerals which are available in huge quantity there; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not going in for nuclear power plant in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The generation in Bihar has been short of the requirement. During 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto July, 1990), the power supply position in Bihar was as under:

(Figures in Million Units not)

	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Availability</i>	<i>Shortage</i>	<i>(%)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
1989-90	6270	5440	830	13.2%
1990-91 (upto 7/90)	2110	1598	512	24.3%

Bihar forms part of the Eastern Grid. However, Bihar has been provided assistance from the Northern Grid, whenever the system conditions permit. during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto July, 1990) Bihar received 234 MU and 179 MU respectively from the Northern Grid. This was besides the assistance provided to Bihar from the Central Sector stations in the Eastern Region.

(b) Bihar has got substantial low grade uranium reserves.

(c) Availability of uranium reserves in an area is not the governing criterion for locating nuclear power stations in the area

as the quantity of uranium to be transported for operating a nuclear power station is small unlike coal which is needed in the case of thermal power stations. Eastern Electricity Region of which Bihar is a constituent State, is endowed with coal reserves. The priority is, therefore, for setting up coal fired thermal stations in that region as no long distance transportation of coal is called for; and the priority for setting up of nuclear power plants in Bihar is low.

**Projects of Bihar pending for Clearance**

4213. SHRI L.V. SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: