

**Supply of Power to Aluminium Projects in U.P. and Karnataka**

5612. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any decisions regarding the rates at which power would be supplied to aluminium projects in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) what is the decision in regard to supply of power to BALCO in M.P.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Madhya Pradesh Government have agreed to supply 5 MW of power from April, 1975 for the commissioning of the first potline of the Korba smelter of Bharat Aluminium Co., Ltd.

**Setting up of Hydel Power Project on River Indravati at Bastar, M.P.**

5613. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have sent a proposal to Government for setting up of a hydel power project having an installed capacity of 240 M.W. on the river Indravati in the Bastar District;

(b) if so, when it was sent; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be approved by the Central Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The proposal was received in August, 1970. It was examined in the Central Electricity

Authority and the State Government has been requested to make suitable modifications and submit a revised scheme report.

**Growth Centres in Backward Districts of Orissa**

5614. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have recommended to the Central Government to have a Growth Centre in every backward district;

(b) whether the Central Government propose to give subsidy to such centres; and

(c) if so, facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Industries to be set up in the industrially backward districts/areas selected to qualify for the Central Scheme of Investment Subsidy only are eligible for the Investment Subsidy.

**Functioning of S.T.D. services in Gujarat**

5615. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in Gujarat where S.T.D. services obtain at present and the places with which they are so connected;

(b) whether these services are functioning properly and efficiently;

(c) whether any expansion in the above services is to be effected in the year 1975-76; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) Five cities in Gujarat State viz., Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar Baroda, Surat and Rajkot have