

(b) The details of industrial licences including name of the party, item of manufacture, capacity, location of the project etc. are published in "Weekly Bulletin of Industrial Licences, Import Licences & Export Licences", "Indian Trade Journal", and "Monthly List of Letters of Intent and Industrial Licences". Copies of the publications are available in the Parliament Library.

Completion of Nuclear Power Stations at Kalpakkam and Rana Pratap Sagar

117. SHRI SOUGATA ROY: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work at the nuclear power stations at Kalpakkam and Rana Pratap Sagar;

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of work;

(c) whether the external aid positions with respect to these power stations is satisfactory; and

(d) the Government's policy with regard to fast breeder reactors for future power stations?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) The first unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station has been in commercial operation since December, 1973. Pre-commissioning trial runs of various system of the second unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power "Project" are in progress. As regards the first unit of the Madras Atomic Power Project at Kalpakkam, the work of erection of major nuclear equipment and turbo generator is in an advanced stage. Civil works have been largely completed for the second unit and manufacture of equipment is in progress.

(b) The delay in completion has been mainly due to delays encountered

in the indigenous manufacture of major nuclear and conventional equipment, non-availability at certain times of essential construction material and difficulties experienced in procuring from alternative sources specialised equipment affected by the embargo imposed by certain countries.

(c) We are no longer dependent on external aid for the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project. The Madras Atomic Power Project is being set up without any external aid.

(d) Government have initiated a programme so that eventually substantial quantities of power can be generated using relatively more abundant thorium. The programme consists of the setting up of an experimental Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu by 1979-80 for providing experience in the construction and operation of sodium cooled fast breeder reactors as a first step. The next step will be the construction of commercial fast breeder reactors after sufficient experience has been gained in the operation of the FBTR.

Naxalite Prisoners in West Bengal

118. SHRI SAUGATA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Naxalite prisoners held in West Bengal on various charges; and

(b) the future policy of Government with regard to Naxalites?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): (a) Information on Naxalities in custody as under trials for specific offences under various laws is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.