

Second Super Thermal Power Station at Manuguru (AP)

686. SHRI SOBHANADREE-SWARA RAO :

SHRI S.M. BHATTAM :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an indication was given by Government of India that Manuguru will be better suited for the second pit-head Super Thermal Power Station ;

(b) whether Government have indicated that the site selected by the Government of Andhra Pradesh could be considered for locating the second Super Thermal Power Station at Manuguru ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in regard to locating second pit-head Super Thermal Power Station at Manuguru ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) : A Site Selection Committee constituted by Govt. of India to identify sites for location of large thermal power stations in the country had, inter-alia, recommended two sites in Andhra Pradesh, namely, Ramarundam and Manuguru.

(b) and (c) : Government have asked National Thermal Power Corporation to undertake a feasibility study for Manuguru super thermal power project.

Introduction of EMU Coaches between Asansol and Barddhaman

687. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MAŁIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the growing number of passengers on the Asansol-Barddhaman Section of Eastern Railway,

Government are considering the demand of the people of West Bengal to introduce EMU coaches between Asansol and Barddhaman ;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof ; and

(c) steps taken so far by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c) : The demand for introduction of EMU services between Asansol and Barddhaman has been examined but not found feasible as considerable investment is required for raising of platforms, foot-over bridges, shifting of structures and provision of additional crossovers on Barddhaman-Asansol section. Furthermore, due to acute shortage of EMU coaches in Calcutta area, extension to Asansol is not feasible.

New Power Generation Schemes of Gujarat Awaiting Clearance

689. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number and name of new power generation schemes submitted by the Gujarat Government pending clearance of the Central Electricity Authority/Planning Commission ;

(b) the year of submission of these schemes, stages of progress, pending with Central Electricity Authority/Planning Commission and reasons for long delay in giving clearance ; and

(c) whether the Government would expedite the clearance in view of Gujarat facing acute power shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) : Five power