

(d) and (e). Investment decisions have been taken, as proposed by National Thermal Power Corporation, for the setting up of the Farakka Stage II (2x500MW) and the Kahalgaon Stage-I (4x210 MW) super thermal power projects and the transmission system associated with the Rihand Super thermal power project. Also, the Central Electricity Authority has accorded techno-economic approval to the proposal of NTPC to set up the National Capital Thermal Power Project Stage I (4x210 MW) and the Talcher STPP Stage I (2x500 MW).

Setting up of a New Shipyard During the Seventh Plan

1366. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has turned down a proposal of his Ministry for setting up a new shipyard during the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) whether his Ministry had asked for Rs. 75 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan as part of the expenditure for the development of that Shipyard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c). A working Group constituted by the Planning Commission for formulating proposals for ship building and ship repair for inclusion in the 7th 5-Year Plan had included an initial provision of Rs. 75 crores for setting up a New Shipyard in India. No final decision on this has been taken by the Government as the Seventh Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

Construction of Flyover at Level Crossing near Balichak Station of S.E. Railway

1367. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the level-crossing on the State

Highway near the Balichak Station of the KGP division of the South Eastern Railway causes great problem for the passenger buses connecting distant parts of Midnapur district and other vehicles and passengers;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering the proposal of constructing a flyover at this point across the railway lines; and

(c) if so, by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) There is a 'B' Class level crossing near Dalichak Station. The recent traffic census carried out at this level crossing does not justify its replacement by Road Over Bridge for the present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

New Trains and Re-Schedulement of the Existing Trains Between Pansukura and Kharagpur Stations

1368. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of suburban trains in the KGP Division of the South Eastern Railway stopping at the stations between Pansukura and Kharagpur are very inadequate and causing great hardship to the passengers from these stations;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Balichak, one of the stations between Pansukura and Kharagpur connect the population of several far-flung police stations by bus; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to increase the train facilities at these stations by introducing new trains and re-scheduling some of the existing trains in the coming new timetable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) At present 13 pairs of local trains stop-

ping at all the stations in between Pan-sukura-Kharagpur section are adequately catering to the need of the present level of traffic offered by these stations.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Apart from the lack of traffic justification, introduction of new trains and rescheduling of existing trains is not operationally feasible on account of over-saturated line capacity and lack of maintenance facilities at the terminals.

Purchase of Container Ships by Shipping Corporation of India

1369. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India was interested in buying container ships in the Sixth Plan; and

(b) if so, the number therefore and with which Shipyard have the order been placed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Container ships upto 6 in number are proposed to be purchased by Shipping Corporation of India. No final orders have been placed on any Shipyard so far.

Mogra/Berrikhurd Irrigation Project (M.P.)

1370. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Irrigation project known as Mogra/Berrikhurd in Madhya Pradesh has been cleared by the Union Government and sent back to the Madhya Pradesh State Government to finalise the Project; and

(b) if so, when was it sent and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). Mongra/Berrik-

hurd project, with a dam site at Mongra has been cleared by the Centre in regard to likely submergence of mineral deposits and is referred back to the State Government on 31.1.1983 to prepare a detailed project report.

Uniform Tariff Rates for Power Supply

1371. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation entered into different agreements with different tariffs for different regions;

(b) what are the tariff rates per unit in different Zones for the supply of power from the Central Generating Stations;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Rajadyaksha Committee recommended uniform rates for the entire country for the energy supplied from the Central Stations; and

(d) if so, when and whether those recommendations would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) National Thermal Power Corporation has concluded agreements with various State Electricity Boards in the Northern, Western and Southern regions for the bulk supply of power from the Singrauli, Korba and Ramagundam Super thermal power projects respectively. The tariff in these agreements is based on similar principles. However, the cost of generation varies from project to project depending upon their capital cost, transmission systems required and the cost of operation, etc.

(b) The tariff rates of power generated from Central thermal stations is as follows :

1. Singrauli	—	36.29 paise per unit
2. Korba	—	35.32 paise per unit
3. Ramagundam	—	43.00 paise per unit