

from its existing one in view of request of the State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) In accordance with the existing guidelines, additional Central assistance upto 70% of aid disbursed on all externally aided projects, as a result of expenditure incurred by the State Governments on such projects from out of their own resources, is released to the State Governments.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No change is contemplated in the existing policy in this regard,

Resources gap in annual plan of States

3806. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the annual plans of each State has revealed a gap in their resource for the annual plans ;

(b) if so, whether in order to cover this gap, Government would allow overdrafts or give any assistance ; and

(c) if not, in what way this is going to be abridged ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The Annual Plans as approved by the Planning Commission are fully funded.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

Formation of a regional association of shippers organisation in Asia and the Pacific

3807. SHRI K. PRADHANI ; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for formation of a regional association of shippers' organisation in Asia and the Pacific in the very near future under the auspices of the ESCAP ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and whether it will cover shipping ports and inland water transport also ;

(c) whether India has decided to join this organisation ; and

(d) how far it will help in finding over the recession which has at present gripped the shipping industry and put an end to tramp shipping atleast in this part of the world ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific has recognised the need for the formation of a regional association of National Shippers' Councils for the purpose of promoting regional cooperation among the shippers.

(b) The outline of the association is expected to be discussed at the meeting of Chief Executives of National Shippers' Councils to be held latter this year under the auspices of ESCAP.

(c) India has generally supported the formation of such an association for promoting regional cooperation among the shippers.

(d) The regional association is expected to create a healthy atmosphere conducive to promoting the interests of both shippers shipowners.

[Translation]

Attachment of colliery to bandhav thermal power station (M.P.)

3808. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of continued efforts made from time to time by the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board no Thermal Power Plant of Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has been attached to the Singrauli coal belt ;

(b) whether no colliery has so far been attached to Bandhav Thermal Power Station also ;