

(a) whether the Union Government propose to bring a legislation for monitoring and regularity the operations of Indian deep sea fishing facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Government is examining a proposal for a legislation for regulating and monitoring operations of Indian deep sea fishing vessels with a view to optimally exploit fishery resources in the Indian EEZ without endangering the marine environment. Proposal, inter alia, includes regulating the fishing seasons, fishing gears, type and number of fishing vessels, fishing areas, species, safety aparmetres, reports and returns, base ports.

[*Translation*]

**Irregularities in Bid of Gandhar Power Project**

4138. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI:  
SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH:  
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:  
SHR RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints with regard to the alleged irregularities in the auction organised for Gandhar Power Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). No auction was organised for the Gandhar Power Project of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Postal Materials in West Bengal**

4139. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute scarcity of postal materials like Inland Letters, Post-Cards, Money Order Forms and Postal Orders in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal particularly in Alipurduar Sub-division;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken for the smooth supply of postal materials in this region?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer to 'a' above, does not arise.

(c) The prescribed system for supply of postal materials which is being followed in the region is working smoothly.

[*Translation*]

**Arrfars of NTPC Due to Bihar**

4140. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: