

AIR programme on U.N.

1560. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Radio has stopped broadcasting the programme on UN under "UN Speaks" ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any plans to broadcast/telecast programmes which mainly deal with the life and activities of the people through the world ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recording of the said programme is no longer being received from UN Radio .

(c) No, Sir .

(d) Does not arise .

Dulhasti hydro electric project

1561. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK : SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of total expenditure incurred on the Dulhasti Hydroelectric project run by French consortium, so far ;

(b) the implications involved in the event of closing the project ; and

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to retrieve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) An expenditure of Rs. 927 crore has been incurred so far by the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) on the construction of the Dulhasti Hydro-electric Project through a French Consortium .

(b) and (c) . The Govt. is not considering closing the project, Security arrangements in and around the project area have been strengthened . Efforts continue to persuade the French Consortium to re sume work at site .

Films Produced by NFDC

1562. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of films produced by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) for children during the last three Years ;

(b) whether most of the films produced by NFDC are in one language ;

(c) whether the Government propose to produce films for children in regional languages ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI . K. P. SINGH DEO) :

(a) The National Film Development Corporation Ltd. has produced three films in Hindi based on themes for children during the last three year,

(b) The National Film Development Corporation produces films in various languages including Hindi, English, Sanskrit and regional languages .

(c) and (d). The National Centre of Films for Children and Young People (N' CYP) an autonomous society under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has been set

up to produce acquire and exhibit good quality and value-based children's films . With the grants-in-aid released by the Government, the N'CYP produces about 4 feature films and 4 short films in a year . The N'CYP has been producing films in various regional languages . Also, a film produced in one language is dubbed in various regional languages .

Commercial leasing of land of port trusts .

1563. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for commercial leasing of land of various Port Trusts ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether proposals in this regard have been received from Vishakhapatnam Port Trust ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). The lands belonging to various Major Port Trusts are leased for Port related activities or commercial use etc. under Section 34(i) of the Major Port Trust Act, 1963 in accordance with the policy guidelines issued by the Ministry of Surface Transport . Apart from a proposal of Calcutta Port Trust to commercially exploit the surplus lands in the erstwhile Calcutta Jetty area on the Strand Road and erstwhile Boat Canal area; no

proposal has been received from any other Major Port Trust .

(c) and (d). No proposal of Vishakhapatnam Port Trust is under consideration of the government to lease the land at Vishakhapatnam Port for commercial use .

Hydro-electric power projects

1564. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the total estimated hydro-electric power potential of Indian rivers;

(b) the quantum produced from it at present and likely to be put to use during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ; and

(c) the hydro-electric power projects lying half-way at present and those which have been abandoned mid-way, giving the reasons for abandonment/delay in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAID) : (a) and (b) : Central Electricity Authority has assessed the hydro-electric potential in India as 84044 MW at 60% load factor . At present, hydro-electric capacity of 19,580 MW has been installed. The expected capacity addition during the Eighth Plan is 3864.65 MW .

(c) Out of 94 sanctioned Hydro-electric Projects, 13 Projects are progressing satisfactorily/nearing completion ; 37 Projects are delayed and remaining 44 Projects are in preliminary stage of implementation . The details of these are given in the attached Statement I, II and III respectively .

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