

- (iii) A close monitoring over the disposal of registered letters/bags has been ordered.

[English]

Cost Estimates of Power Projects

4662. SHRI LOKANATH
CHOUDHURY:
SHRIMATI GEETA
MUKHERJEE:
SHRI ANAND RATNA
MAURYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) whether there has been a wide disparity in the cost estimates of the Ministry of Power and Central Electricity Authority for the same power projects; and

(b) if so, the name of such projects under construction, estimated cost decided by the Ministry and CEA separately and the reasons thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

ENRON Development Corporation of US

4663. SHRI BOLLA BULLI
RAMAIAH:
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN
OWAISI:
SHRI HARISH NARAYAN
PRABHU ZANTYE:
SHRI RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ENRON Development Corporation of US has proposed for setting up a power generation plant in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outstanding features of the proposal;

(c) whether the Government have examined the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra have accepted the ENRON's proposal to set up a power plant at Dabhol on imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). The outstanding features of the project are as follows:—

(i) Phase-I comprises 695 MW of a two phase combined cycle power station. Phase-II will comprise 1320 MW.

(ii) Phase-I will be fuelled by No.2 distillate fuel oil. After Phase-II, both Phase-I and II will be fuelled by LNG.

(iii) Capital cost of Phase-I is US dollars 910 Million which includes a port and fuel facility, the costs of associated infrastructure being constructed by Government of Maharashtra and MSEB such as Roads, Water etc. and Interest during construction.

(iv) Construction of Phase-I is estimated to start after financial close which is targeted for

July/August, 1994 and the plant is estimated to come on stream 33 months later in March, 1997. Bechtel will be the main contractors and GE (USA) the main equipment supplier.

- (v) Planned debt equity ratio for Phase-I is 70:30.
- (vi) In the power purchase agreement sufficient flexibility with regard to the starting and modalities of Phase-II have been incorporated.

(c) Yes, sir.

(d) The proposal has been cleared from the foreign investment angle. The project report has been accorded clearance by CEA subject to certain terms and conditions.

Relaxation of Production and Trading Controls

4664. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to abolish various controls including quantitative restrictions through quotas, minimum export prices and canalisation, imposed on processed food items;

(b) if so, whether this measure will help to create a unified domestic market with minimum price distortions; and

(c) the time by which this measure is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN

GOGOI): (a) No proposal to abolish all controls is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Ved Marwah Committee

4665. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a six-member Committee headed by Shri Ved Marwah was appointed to investigate the reasons of increasing road accidents in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Committee was asked to submit its report within a stipulated period;

(c) if so, the time-limit of that period; and

(d) if the report has not been received so far, the reasons therefor and by when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Programmes on Child Education

4666. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: