

Setting up of Atomic Power Station in Gujarat

3555. SHRI RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of various Committees, experts and Commissions appointed during 1970 to 1975, 1975 to 1977 and 1977 to 31st March, 1980 to go into the establishment of Atomic Power Station in Gujarat;

(b) the details of Reports and Recommendations of each one;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to implement the same;

(d) the places visited and the expenses incurred on each one of the above committees etc.; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (e). A Committee designated as "Site Selection Committee" was appointed by Government in 1970 to examine the suitability of sites for new atomic power stations. The Committee visited a number of sites in the Western Electricity Region which includes Gujarat and recommended some sites. A feasibility report based, amongst other things, on the report of the Site Selection Committee has been prepared and is being processed for Government's approval.

It is not possible to indicate the expenses incurred by the Committee on its visits to places in Gujarat as the expenditure has not been recorded separately. However, the total expenditure on the Site Selection Committee for the period 1970-71 to 1974-75 is Rs. 5.86 lakhs.

Pact on Pulp-Paper Industry between India and U.S.S.R.

3556. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and U.S.S.R. Governments have signed a pact on pulp and paper industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA). (a) and (b). A working programme of cooperation between India and the USSR in the field of Pulp and Paper Industry was signed on 2nd June, 1980. The programme envisages cooperation on the following items:

(i) Construction, reconstruction and modernisation of Pulp, Paper Mills in India including Development of forest rich areas.

(ii) Scientific and research work in the field of technology of production of electrical insulation paper, design of environment protection systems, reduction of energy and water consumption in Pulp & Paper Industry and development of chemical recovery process.

(iii) Possibility of Joint participation of India & Soviet organisation in designing and construction of Plants for Pulp & Paper Industries in third countries.

(iv) Possibilities of mutual exchange of Pulp & Paper products and other materials on mutually agreed basis.

Dissolution of Sarkar Commission on Big Business Houses

3557. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change previous Governments decision to dissolve "Sarkar Commis-