

Indo-Soviet Consultancy Bureau on erection of Power Generation Sets

992. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) is it true that a team of Soviet power experts who recently visited Hardwar have recommended setting up of an Indo-Soviet consultancy bureau to provide top-level guidance on erection of the power generation sets produced at Hardwar plant;

(b) if so, what is Government's stand on this recommendation;

(c) is it true that rules and instructions on operation of 200 MW sets were not observed by certain SEBs resulting in breakdown?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). A team of Soviet experts recently visited India to study the manufacture, erection, commissioning, operation and maintenance of 200 MW turbo sets being manufactured by BHEL, based on Soviet designs with a view to providing technical clarifications and suggesting measures for improving performance. During discussions

between BHEL and Soviet experts, it was considered expedient to depute to India a Group of Soviet experts to render technical assistance in erection commissioning, operation and maintenance of 200 MW turbo sets of Soviet design being manufactured and supplied by BHEL.

(c) Breakdowns of 200 MW sets are caused by deficiencies in manufacturing, commissioning or mal-operation of the main plant and equipment or its auxiliaries. No report has been received regarding any breakdown as a result of non-observance of operating instruction.

Production of Fertilisers

993. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total production of fertilisers last year was very low despite the addition of six lakh tonnes in installed capacity;

(b) if so, the details of the production of fertilisers and the actual installed capacity during 1978-79 and 1979-80; and

(c) what are the reasons for the poor rate of production?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). The capacity at the end of the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 and the production of fertilizers during the two years were as follows:—

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Year	Nitrogen		P ₂ O ₅	
	Capacity	Production	Capacity	Production
1978-79	32.59	21.70	10.80	7.70
1979-80	38.91	22.26	12.30	7.57