

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

(c) The main capacity increase of Nitrogen was as a result of commissioning of the Sindri (Modernisation) Bhatinda and Panipat plants. Their effective capacity available for production during the year 1949-80 was about 3 lakh tonnes of nitrogen because these plants went into commercial production only in the middle of the year. The production in 1979-80 was low as compared to the capacity on account of factors such as power cuts/restrictions imposed by the various State Electricity Boards, shortage of feedstock and inputs such as gas. ISHS/fuel oil, naphtha, coal and sulphur.

Production of Phosphate (P O) was affected during the year due to shortage of imported phosphoric acid and non-stabilisation of production in some of the plants such as Khetri and Sindri (Rationalisation).

Memorandum from Border Field Publicity Officers

994. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Field Publicity Officers have submitted a memorandum to Government for their inclusion in the Central Information Service;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government on this demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the likely date by which the decision would be taken especially when the members of the Monitoring Service of the Ministry, the personnel working and the staff of the Sainik Samachar etc. have already been included in this service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have proposed to include the field publicity Off-

cers (Border) in the Central Information Service.

(c) Does not arise.

Opening of New Field Publicity Units

995. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where new Field Publicity Units are proposed to be opened during the current financial year; and

(b) the likely dates by which they would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). It is proposed to open 15 new Field Publicity Units during the current financial year. The matter is under consideration.

T.V. Centre for Kasauli

996. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the latest progress made in the setting up of a T.V. Centre at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): The site for setting up a TV relay transmitter has been located. Action has been initiated to acquire this site. Transmitter and antenna equipments have been procured.

Employment on Compassionate Grounds by Department of Energy and Allied Boards

997. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Energy and the various allied Boards