

(d) The estimated outlay for the project is Rs. 24 crores. The Project will start after approval by the Public Investment Board and the Government. Main areas of study to be undertaken by the proposed project cover research and development on alumina and aluminium including alloys, semi-products, finished products and also basic design and engineering.

Amendment to Section 44 (F) Insurance Act to Cover Zila Parishad Employees

5200. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have been constantly reminding his Ministry to amend the Section 44 (F) of Insurance Act to enable them to accommodate the staff of the Zila Parishad under the Scheme of Group Insurance since 1982;

(b) if so, the reasons for not initiating any action in this regard; and

(c) whether any action is contemplated in this regard; and

(d) if so, when the amending legislation will be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (d). A proposal had been received from the State Government of Maharashtra of amendment of Section 44 (F) of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956 in respect of employees of Zila Parishads in Maharashtra. The matter was examined. The Government does not contemplate at present any amendment of Section 44(f) of the Act.

Proposal to provide Leco at Neyveli Lignite Corporation

5201, DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide Leco (by Briquetting) at Neyveli Lignite Corporation in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the total amount of Leco proposed to be produced and the total cost involved therein; and

(c) the time by which the project is going to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). Neyveli Lignite Corporation has a low temperature briquetting and carbonisation plant with a capacity of 2,62,000 tonnes of leco and fines per year.

A feasibility report for setting up a high temperature coking plant with a capacity of 400000 tonnes of coke per annum is in the process of being recast by Neyveli Lignite Corporation.

Assistance from O.P.E.C. Fund, West Asian East European Countries to India

5202. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the external assistance received by India in 1984 from Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund, West Asian and East European countries; and

(b) the details of the Project for which the said assistance was received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House.