

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) : Against a target of 1095 MW fixed for the State during the Sixth Plan, the actual additional generating capacity commissioned was 1235 MW. While Balimela DPH Units (2×30 MW) slipped, two units each of 100 MW at Nagarjunsagar PSS were advanced for commissioning from early part of Seventh Plan to the Sixth Plan. The main reason of slippage of Balimela DPH Units 1 & 2 was the delay in handing over of land by Orissa Government.

Shifting of NTPC Office from Durgapur to Patna

2617. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :
SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation has decided to shift its office from Durgapur to Patna and has already issued an order to that effect ;

(b) whether the State Government of West Bengal had earlier assured the Central Power Department of 22 acre plot at Salt Lake, Calcutta for National Thermal Power Corporation to set up their Eastern office ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider their decision of shifting the office from West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Department of Power have not asked for an assurance from West Bengal Government for a 22 acre plot of Salt Lake, Calcutta for the Eastern

region office of National Thermal Power Corporation, as NTPC did not consider at any time to establish this office at Calcutta.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Persons Suffering from Cancer
Symptoms and Causes

2618. SHRI LALA RAM KEN : will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the symptoms of the cancer in its first stage and also the factors responsible for this disease ; and

(b) the names of places in Rajasthan where hospitals for the treatment of this disease are proposed to be opened in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) Cancer can affect any part of the body. Symptoms vary according to the side and type of the cancer. The causes are usually more than one for any specific cancer site and type of cancer. Tobacco habits and environmental carcinogenic factors are responsible for oropharyngeal and respiratory cancer. Poor genital hygiene as well as early and prolonged sex life and too many child births are generally responsible for uterine cancer in women. These two cancers represent well over one half of the cases in the country. Regarding abdominal cancer there may be some relation with dietary habits.

(b) There is presently no proposal to open any new Cancer hospital or centre in Rajasthan. However, cancer treatment facilities in Rajasthan are available at the following hospitals :—

1. Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital, Ajmer.
2. P.B. Men's Hospital, Bikaner.