

(b) if so, what are the details and facts in this regard ; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto and what measures are contemplated to inform the general public of the effects of the use of household detergents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : (a) and (b) : The Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow, has taken up studies on various commercial detergents and cosmetic preparations. These are continuing and at this stage it cannot be concluded that household detergents can cause skin cancer and lead to severe vision impairment. The news item that appeared in the Times of India of 16th July, 1985 is based a review of article of one of the scientists of Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow. This review article, published in the January, 1982 issue of the Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research, refers to results of studies conducted in other parts of the world.

(c) In view of what has been stated above, the question of taking any measures at this stage does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Tanda Thermal Power Plant

2662. SHRI R. P. SUMAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount sanctioned by the Government for the construction of Tanda Thermal Project in Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) the total estimated cost of the project before the work was started on the project and the extent of cost escalation thereof ;

(c) whether any time schedule was fixed for commissioning of the 1st unit of this project ;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in its completion ; and

(e) whether Government has issued or propose to issue any instructions to complete the project with greater speed and if so, when it will be completed and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Development of Mahanadi in Orissa

2663. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on Inland Water Transport during the Sixth Plan ;

(b) whether Government have a proposal for the further development of Mahanadi in Orissa ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) An amount of Rs. 39.05 crores was spent in the Central Sector on Inland Water Transport during the Sixth Plan.

(b) and (c) : The Seventh Five-Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

Widening of National Highway No. 5 between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar

2664. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to State :

(a) the progress made in widening the National Highway No. 5 between Mahanadi near Cuttack and Khandagiri