- (b) if so, when and the broad outlines of such a legislation; and
- (c) whether Government have invited the views of the surplus molasses States?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY(SHRI J. VENGALA RAO): (a) to (c) Considering the problems being faced by the deficit States in obtaining molasses from surplus States, suggestions for a Central legislation for distribution of molasses from sugar factories to distilleries have been received, which are at a preliminary stage of consideration.

Setting up of industries with central assistance in Uttar Pradesh (U.P.)

1181. SHRI SALEEM I. SHERVANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the number of industries set up with central assistance in Ultar Pradesh till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): Information with regard to the Central Industrial Projects in U.P. is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Commissioning of Panki Power Station

1182. SHRI VISHNU MODI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 284-M.W. Panki Power Station has completely stopped generation; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to start commissioning of the above power station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) There are 4 units at Panki Thermal Power Station, two of 32MW each were imported and two of 110MW each were supplied by

BHEL. All the 4 units are, at present under repair. The two imported units which were installed more than 20 years back are under repair from Sept., 1986 and May, 1986 respectively. The repair work on the first unit is almost over and the unit is expected to be back in operation by March, 1988. The second unit which was damaged severely in a blast in 1981 was re-commissioned in Fed., 1985 after repairs. The turbine again suffered damage on 6 5.1986, and the turbine rotor required replacement, for which UPSEB have placed a Letter of intent with M/s. KWU, West Germany. The unit is likely to be re-commissioned by the end of 1989. The third unit is shut down since 24.10.1987 due to damage to the generator transformer, which is under repair. During the shut down period, the renovation and moderaisation of the unit is also being carried out. The unit is likely to be back in operation by the end of April, 1988. The fourth unit has been under shut down since 22.6 1987 due to a furnace explosion which caused extensive damage to the boiler. The unit is under repair. Simultaneously, renovation and modernisation of this unit is also being undertaken. The unit is likely to come back in operation in March, 1988.

Leather Industry in Orissa

1183. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need to set up more units of Leather Industry in Orissa:
- (b) whether any formal proposal has come from the State Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) There is scope for setting up leather units in Orissa.