

elaboration of detailed project report and workings drawings and the deputation of Soviet specialists to India. The supply of equipments and materials, including stair-railings, constituted a part of total packages and prices are settle for the package as a whole.

The per MW cost of the Singrauli STPP (2000 MW) and the Vindhyachal STPP (1260 MW) is estimated at Rs. 0.559 crores and Rs. 0.723 crores respectively.

Approval of Commercial Advertisements by Doordarshan

8408. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any prior certification by any other Government agencies is required for the approval of commercial advertisements by the Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) Nos, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translaion*]

Telephone Connections in Faizabad District of Utter Pradesh

8409. SHRI R.P. SUMAN. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) rhe capacity of each of the exchanges functioning in Akbarpur, Tanda and Jalalpur urban areas in Faizabad district of Utter Pradesh;

(b) the number of applications pending for telephone connections there;

(c) whether Government are aware that the exchanges functioning in the said places are not in good condition;

(d) if so, the measures being taken to improve their working;

(e) whether Government propose to convert the exchanges in all these three areas into electronic exchanges; and

(f) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Akbarpur and Tanda are 200 line manual exchanges while Jalalpur is a 100 lines MAX III (Strowger type) exchange.

(b) There is no application pending in any of these exchanges as on 30.9.1987.

(c) All the three exchanges are working satisfactorily.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) There is no proposal at present to convert any of these exchanges into electronic type.

(f) Due to limited availability of indigenously manufactured electronic exchanges.

[*English*]

Guidelines by Bureau of Public Enterprises

8410. DR. V. VENKATESH. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprises to public sector enterprises during 1986-87 and 1987-88 regarding award of contracts for procuring machinery, civil aviation jobs, recruitment, promotions and wages; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Air Stations in Kerala

8411. SHRI VAKKOM PURU-SHOTHAMAN :
PROF. K.V. THOMAS :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction work for setting up of new All India Radio stations in Keraia has been commenced for; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these AIR stations are expected to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). During the 7th Plan All India Radio proposes to establish new radio stations in Kerala at Cochin, Cannanore and Idukki. The construction of building at Cochin is in progress, while building works at Cannanore are expected to commence in June, 1988. As regards, Idukki, site is yet to be handed over by the State Government to All India Radio. Further action can be taken after the site is handed over. These radio stations are expected to be ready for commissioning by March, 1990.

Coal Linkage for Vijayawada Thermal Power Station

8412. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether coal linkage for Vijayawada Thermal Power Station stage-3 has been sorted out and fixed; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which clearance will be given to Vijayawada Power Station stage-3 ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Coal linkage for 3rd and 4th (2 × 210 MW) Extn. units of Vijayawada Thermal Power Station has already been established from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

For Stage-3, coal linkage to commence in the Ninth Five Year Plan period will be considered after the project obtains 'in principle' clearance. As for techno-economic clearance of the project, certain clarifications are awaited from the State Electricity Board.

[Translation]

Cement Factories Closed in Rajasthan

8413. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL ;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cement factories are not working to their capacity:

(b) if so, whether it is likely to have a bad effect on the supply position in the country;

(c) if so, the number of cement factories in Rajasthan which have been closed; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by Government to ensure that cement factories function to their optimum capacity and the closed cement factories are re-opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). A Statement is given below.

Statement

(a) It is a fact that all the cement factories (large size) have not been working to their full capacity as only 11 such factories are reported to have achieved a capacity utilisation of 100% or more during the year 1987-88.

(b) The production of cement in the country is, by and large, sufficient to meet the demand of the country and there is no report of shortage except in pockets, where difficulty has risen mainly because of transportation problems.

(c) No large cement factory is reported to be presently lying closed in the State of Rajasthan. However, M/s. Jaipur Udyog Limited, Swai-Madhapur had remained closed during the period from October 1987 to middle of March 1988.

(d) Capacity utilisation is affected by factors like age of the plant, mechanical breakdowns, labour problems, non-availability of essential inputs like power, coal and wagons.

To meet the heavy power cuts, the cement industry has been advised to install captive power generating capacity to meet at least 40% of their power requirements. Appropriate relief by way of reduction in