

[English]

Transfer of Technology

4314. SHRI BHADRESHWAR TANTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technologies developed by the international telecommunications giants can successfully be transferred to India which is a high traffic and low density country; and

(b) whether such transfer of technology will not mar the initiative of Indian technocrats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The transfer of technology is resorted to only in the areas in which indigenous technology is not readily available to meet the country's requirements.

Manuguru Project in Andhra Pradesh

4315. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY:
SHRI V. SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAO:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a unit of the National Thermal Power Corporation is going to be installed at Manuguru in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of this unit and the production capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) and (b). The National Thermal Power Corporation (MTPC) have submitted the feasibility report in regard to the proposed Manuguru Super Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2x500 MW) in Andhra Pradesh. The report indicates provisional cost of the project as Rs. 1447. 40 crores for a capacity of

1000 MW. The Project is yet to be approved, as all necessary tie ups, such coal linkage, environmental clearance etc. have not been done.

[Translation]

Daily Wage Workers in Post and Telegraph Offices in U.P.

4316. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily wage workers working in the Post and Telegraph Offices in U.P.;

(b) with how many years of service, the workers have been made permanent; and

(c) the time by which all the workers would be made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) There are about 824 full time and 991 part time daily wage workers working in the Department of Posts in UP. The required information pertaining to Department of Telecom. Will be collected and laid on the table of the House.

(b) In the Department of Posts 100% of the vacancies in Gr. D' cadre are reserved for E.D. Agents who fulfil the required age and other conditions prescribed. Only in the event of qualified ED. Agents not being available for filling up Gr. 'D' vacancies, these are offered to eligible daily rated casual labour. Under these circumstances, the question of years of service put in by daily wage workers for permanent absorption does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Supply of Paraffin Wax to Punjab

4317. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL