

(b) if so, the time by which the approval of Union Government is likely to be granted to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has recently announced the details of the new scheme for development of growth Centres under which Madhya Pradesh has been allotted five growth centres. Madhya Pradesh Government is being advised to propose the names of places they would like to take up under the new Scheme. While suggesting the names, they will be free to consider the places already sponsored by them for setting up growth centres under the Scheme for development of infrastructure in No Industry Districts.

[English]

Services of Ex-servicemen in Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India, Kanpur

3511. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India, Kanpur, has arbitrarily dispensed with the services of some ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the details of each such cases;

(c) whether Government have received any representation in this respect from ex-

servicemen; and

(d) if so, the measures Government contemplate to take to safeguard interest of ex-servicemen employees in this Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Services of the employees of Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. appointed against vacancies reserved for ex-servicemen, have been terminated arbitrarily.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Completion of Coal Projects of Eastern Coalfields

3512. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA. Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on about twelve coal projects has either been held up or delayed in the Eastern Coalfields; and

(b) if so, the details of these projects, the reasons for delays in their completion as per schedule and the cost escalation as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As on 30.6.1988, 13 projects relating to Eastern Coalfields Limited costing Rupees 2 crores and above have been delayed involving cost over-runs. The details of these projects, the reasons for delay and the anticipated cost escalations are given in the Statement below.