

(b) During the last 18 months from January '84 to June 1985, about 5.21 lakh tonnes of salt moved by rail i.e. on an average 15.5 rakes per month.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Renovation of 5th T.P. Unit of Durgapur Projects

1486. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Durgapur Projects Limited sought the help of the Central Electricity Authority for Japanese and to meet the cost of renovation of the 5th thermal power unit of 75 MW capacity ;

(b) if so, when the DPL sought the help of CEA ;

(c) whether Government have fulfilled its request for help ;

(d) if so, when and the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (e) Durgapur Projects Ltd. had sought the assistance of the Central Electricity Authority on 28.3.1985 for renovating equipment imported from Japan. The CEA is obtaining relevant data to assess the consolidated requirement of Japanese assistance for revamping the 9 units of Japanese origin installed in the country having capacities of 20 MW and above,

North Eastern Regional Electricity Board

1487. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any meeting of the North Eastern Regional Electricity Board was held on 12 June, 1985 at Itanagar ;

(b) if so, what were the suggestions put forward by the different States in the said meeting ;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ; and

(d) steps to be taken by the Union Government on those suggestions put forward by the different States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The important suggestions put forward inter alia in the meeting include (i) establishment of a permanent Regional Load Despatch Centre including State Load Despatch Centres with entire financing by the Central Government, (ii) formal allocation of the shares of different States from Central projects, (iii) development of load in the region by setting up industries and construction of irrigation and rural electrification schemes, (iv) liberalised financing of RE schemes by REC and conversion of REC loans to grants, (v) holding of next Power Ministers' Conference in the region, (vi) construction of more inter-State lines etc.

(c) and (d) The minutes of the meeting are still awaited from the NEREB, Shillong and the reaction of the Government will be made known after studying the various recommendations.

NTPC's Proposal for Setting up Power Plant at Khoirasol

1488. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Government of West Bengal had about a year ago, approved a proposal for supplying adequate water from the Ajoy Dam for the power plant to be constructed by the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) what is the fate of the NTPC's proposal for setting up power plant near Khoirasol in Birbhum ;

(d) whether the NTPC would take up this project now ;

(e) if so, when and the details thereof ; and