

(a) whether Coal India Ltd. has selected to bring in the market certain designs of chulas suited to the pocket of various consumers—rural, semi-urban and the sophisticated; and

(b) if so, facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Coal India Limited conducted a national competition for developing the design of domestic chulas with the specific objective to burn lower grade coal and soft coke efficiently and without smoke. Four designs were selected and the prototype of those designs are being developed.

Construction of Super Thermal Power Station

1458. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation is likely to undertake construction of the country's first Super Thermal Power Station this year.

(b) whether the Corporation plans to set up Super Thermal Power projects in different regions also.

(c) if so, total cost involved, and

(d) the States in which these are to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Thermal Power Corporation has already started work on the first super thermal power station being set up at Singrauli.

(b) The National Thermal Power Corporation was set up with a view to execute and manage thermal power stations to be set up in the Central Sector including super thermal power stations as and when decided by the Central Government.

(c) and (d). Since the programme for undertaking future super thermal stations has not yet been finalised, it is not possible to definitely indicate the

details of location and costs of the future super thermal stations at this stage.

Carbon Project in Tamil Nadu

1459. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 5.6 crore carbon special project is likely to be set up in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether this is claimed to be one of the first kind of its projects that will be set up in the country;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) date by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): (a) to (c). A foreign collaboration proposal for manufacture of cathode blocks, electrographitised carbon, telephone carbon and special electrotechnic carbon in a backward district of Tamil Nadu State was approved by Government on the 31st December, 1974. The project envisaged an investment of Rs. 193 lakhs at the time when foreign collaboration was approved, though the project cost may go up by the time it is commissioned. Except telephone carbon and special electrotechnic carbon, all other items are being manufactured in the country.

(d) According to the present indicated progress, the scheme is likely to be implemented during the Sixth Plan period (1980-81).

Administration in Nine States

1460. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether since imposition of the President's rule in the nine States, the administration is paralysed and no