

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the main features of the Report are given in the Statement

(c) Government do not consider it advisable to go ahead with the proposal to set up a coal conversion plant at this stage

Statement

1 After examining various technologies for conversion of coal to oil the Group has concluded that for Indian coals, gassification followed by processing of gas to synthetic fuel adopted for the maximum production of middle distillates (diesel oil and kerosene) may be favoured

2 It has recommended the location of such a plant in Raniganj Coalfields followed by another plant at Singrauli

3 The estimated capital outlay for such a plant capable of producing 1 million tonnes of synthetic crude per year has been mentioned as approximately Rs 700 crores Foreign exchange component of the project will be around Rs 150 crores

4 The Group has recommended development of suitable catalysts to attain self-sufficiency

5 The Group has also recommended installation of several low temperature carbonisation plants for producing domestic coal to replace kerosene and LPG The by-product could be pooled for recovery of chemicals or for hydrogenation to produce synthetic fuel

Efforts for another meeting between Phizo and the Prime Minister

1240 **SHRI SHANKERSINHJI VAGHELA**
SHRI YASHWANT BOROLE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union implies India accepting interna-

rebels have been trying hard for a second meeting between the Prime Minister, Shri Morarji Desai and the self exiled rebel leader, Mr Phizo,

(b) whether some top ranking underground Naga rebel leaders met the Governor Shri L P Singh in this regard,

(c) whether the Naga rebel leaders had told the Governor that there has been a change of heart on the part of Mr Phizo, and

(d) the reaction of Government to the proposal of the underground rebel Naga leaders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL)

(a) A resolution adopted by the Nagaland Peace Council on 21st July 1977 unanimously expressed that a second meeting between the Prime Minister and Shri Phizo be arranged as early as possible

(b) Some ex-underground leaders had met the Governor on 27th September 1977 and 24th October, 1977 They however did not make any formal proposal for a second meeting between the Prime Minister and Shri Phizo

(c) They made no such positive statement

(d) The Government have no reasons to believe that there has been any change in the rigid attitude of Shri Phizo

Chandbali Port in Balasore, Orissa

1241 **SHRI JANA BAIRAGI** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether Chandbali in Balasore District of Orissa, was a natural port which used to meet the navigational demands during the British rule,

(b) whether due to lack of governmental initiative, it was not possible even to make use of it as a minor port,