

Maharashtra Annual Plan

2529. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN :

SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in Hindu dated the 29th June, 1978 that the Finance Minister of Maharashtra has expressed regret that Centre is forcing the State to accept allotments on its annual plans without even consulting the State about it; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Annual Plans of States are determined by the Planning Commission after full consultation with State Governments. For the Annual Plan 1978-79, the Maharashtra Government had originally proposed an outlay of Rs. 700 crores which was revised by them subsequently to Rs. 745 crores. In the light of available resources, an outlay of Rs. 735 crores was agreed to, after discussions first at the official level and then between the Planning Commission and the State Chief Minister.

सोवियत संघ से हथियारों की खरीद

2531. श्री बोरेंद्र प्रसाद : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार ने वर्ष 1978-79 के दौरान सोवियत संघ की सरकार से हथियार खरीदने का निर्णय किया है ; और

(ख) उन का कुल मूल्य कितना है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) और (ख). पूर्व तथा पश्चिम के मित्त देशों से, जिन में सोवियत संघ भी शामिल है रक्षा उपकरण तथा सामान, जिनका अभी देश में निर्यात नहीं किया जाता है, खरीदना कोई नई व्यवस्था नहीं है ।

इस प्रकार का सामान समय-समय पर और आवश्यकता पड़ने पर प्राप्त किया जाता है ।

माननीय सदस्य इस बात से सहमत होंगे कि इस बारे में ब्यौरा देना लोकहित में नहीं होगा ।

Thermal Power Station at Raichur (Karnataka)

2533. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have given clearance for a Thermal Power Station at Raichur in Karnataka ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the amount sanctioned and the details regarding the functioning of phase I unit and when it is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Project Report, the estimated cost of Stage I of the Project comprising of installation of two units of 210 MW each is Rs. 159.25 crores. The first unit is scheduled to be commissioned during 1982-83 and second during 1983-84.

Employment of Workers in Magnesium Plant of National Metallurgical Laboratory, CSIR

2534. SHRI BHAGAT RAM : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the workers of Magnesium Plant of National Metallurgical Laboratory, CSIR have been agitating for an assurance on future of this Plant and their employment there; and

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken to ensure the employment of the workers and as well as the future of the Plant ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) and (b). It is the policy of CSIR to hand over to a party which may be interested in and considered suitable for processing it further. The workers of the Magnesium Plant are therefore anxious about the future of this Pilot Plant. Every effort will be made for their employment if the Plant is taken over and run on commercial basis by a suitable party.