

(b) and (c). The status of the Project Reports for Thermal Power Stations submitted by the Madhya Pra-

desh Electricity Board to the Central Electricity Authority is indicated below:—

Name of Project	Capacity	Estimated Cost	Present Status
1	2	3	4
1. Bishrampur IPS	2 × 210 MW	Rs. 160.80 crores	Department of Coal have indicated that the quantity of coal in this area is of superior quality and should be reserve for users other than Thermal Power Station. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board have been apprised of the position.
2. Barsinghpur IPS	2 × 210 MW	Rs. 163.10 crores	There are problems of coal linkage for exploiting the full potential of the project in view of the inadequate reserves in the vicinity and the MPEB have been requested to reconsider their proposals. Clarification regarding civil works cooling water facilities and transport of coal has been sought from MIB.
3. Vindhyachal (Singrauli) TPS	2 × 500 MW	Rs. 327.25 crores	Coal linkage for the project is still awaited. Clarifications regarding cooling water system and certain other aspects are awaited from MPEB. It is also necessary to draw up an optimum plan for utilising the vast coal reserves at the Singrauli Coal Fields.

Proposal to have control over I.A.F. Helicopters by Army Headquarters

239. SHRI RUDOLPH RODRIGUES:
Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army Headquarters have put forward a proposal to control all I.A.F. helicopters;

(b) if so, the basis of such a proposal;

(c) what advantageous operational effects, if any, such a change of control would have; and

(d) what decision has been taken on this said-to-be two years old proposal?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM). (a) No, Sir.

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