

Electricity from Gobar Slurry

320. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Head of Chemistry Department of Rajasthan University has succeeded in generating electricity continuously for 1½ months from 1½ kg. of gobar slurry, electrodes and a few connecting wires; and

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken for commercial exploitation of this research effort?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. CHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a): No, Sir. Some effort is understood to have been made by one of the Professors for generating electricity from Gobar Slurry. No details have been made available nor has any demonstration of the technique been given to prove its technical viability.

(b) Does not arise.

Technical team for utilisation of West-flowing rivers for Irrigation in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka

321. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sittings held by the technical team constituted for the purpose of studying the question of utilisation of waters of West-flowing rivers in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka; and

(b) the probable date of completing the Report by this Technical Team?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) Six meetings of the Technical Committee have taken place.

(b) Report of the Committee is likely to be finalised by the end of December 1980.

Scheme for utilization of waters of West-flowing rivers for Irrigation in Tamil Nadu

322. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the scheme of the Planning Commission for the utilisation of waters of West-flowing rivers for irrigating drought-affected areas in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the salient features of the scheme being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDEY): (a) There is no scheme framed by the Planning Commission for the utilisation of waters of west flowing rivers for irrigating drought affected areas in Tamil Nadu. However, the Planning Commission had constituted a Committee in February, 1978 to assess the water resources of rivers flowing into the Arabian sea and their utilization. The terms of reference of this Committee *inter-alia*, include assessment of the water potential of west flowing rivers of the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala for examining the quantum of possible diversion to the East for utilisation in drought affected areas, as also the Dastur Plan.

(b) The Committee has recently taken up the matter pertaining to diversion of west flowing rivers. The relevant data has been called for from the States, which is awaited.

Views by Czechoslovakian Experts of modifications in Ennore Thermal Power Station

323. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modifications carried out by BHEL in Ennore Thermal