

the Officers from CEA and Ministry of Energy, have visited Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and held discussions with the State Electricity Boards.

The team has reviewed the following:—

- (a) Working of power Projects both thermal and hydel.
- (b) Review of the progress in the commissioning of new projects.
- (c) Introduction of modern management concepts in SEBs in personnel management, financial management, material management, etc. besides generation and transmission.
- (d) Introduction of Corporate Planning in SEBs.

The various aspects of the working of SEBs covering the points above were discussed in details along with representatives of BHEL who were invited to participate in the meetings.

Know-how Collaboration Agreement between Public Sector Companies and Multinationals

4089. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and other details of the know-how collaboration agreement which have been entered into by Public Sector Companies with multinationals.

(b) how many such technical collaboration agreements have been entered into so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that the production of antibiotics in the Public Sector Companies have fallen during the last 3 years after entering into such agreements; and

(d) if so, what compensatory clause has been incorporated in the agreement to compel the foreign technical

know-how supplier to compensate for chronic loss of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). A Statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1640/80].

(c) In Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL), the production of Penicillin and Tetracycline during 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 fell while undertaking expansion utilising foreign technology. The reason for the fall was simultaneous expansion keeping the existing production on.

In Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL), the production of Penicillin and Streptomycin has been increasing except in 1979-80 which was due to strike by workers in HAL. The production of Ampicillin has been increasing.

(d) Since these agreements are in the nature of supply of strains, know how or technical information, compensation clause for loss of production was not relevant.

Reversion of Power Tariff of D.V.C.

4090. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for revision of power tariff of Damodar Valley Corporation; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) how many times DVCs power tariff has been revised since beginning uptil now and what is the level of increase between the proposed revision tariff now in force and original tariff;

(c) cannot the proposed revision be avoided by exploiting the built capacity to the maximum extent possible and by enforcing utmost economy;

(d) is the increased cost taken care of by fuel clause surcharge?