

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). DESU had submitted a Project Report for the installation of 2X10 MW coal fired station as an extension of Indraprastha Power Station. The National Committee on Environmental Pollution Control did not agree to the location of the power station near the existing station from the environmental pollution angle. DESU was requested to examine a suitable alternative site. DESU proposed to have a station at Badli but this site also did not meet with the concurrence of Railways from the point of view of transport of coal.

In addition to the above, DESU has proposed installation of 2X30 MW Gas Turbines and this proposal has been referred to the Department of Petroleum for confirming the availability of fuel for the gas turbines.

(c) and (d). Government have received a proposal from DESU for transfer of Haryana's share in the Indraprastha Power Station to them. The proposal has been referred to Haryana State Electricity Board for their comments, which are awaited.

No proposal in regard to increase in the share of Delhi in the Bairasiul Hydro-electric project has been received.

Master Plan to Curb Floods in the Country

256. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether present Government have drafted any master plan to curb the floods in the country since January 1980; and

(b) if so, the main outline of the master plan and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). The Central Government has not formulated any Master Plan to curb floods for the country as a whole as flood control is a State subject and it is for the State Government to prepare Master Plans for the flood affected areas in their respective territories. Work on preparing such Master Plans is in hand with the State Governments. However, since January, 1980, the Central Government has prepared a National Perspective for Water Resources Development in the country which will provide multipurpose benefits including that of flood control. This National Perspective has yet to be finalised in consultation with the State Governments

Visit of Minister of State to Russia

257. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting visited Russia during the month of October, 1980;

(b) if so, whether discussion for the operation of colour T.V. were held during her visit; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Projects Undertaken by R. E. C.

258. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state details of projects so far undertaken by the Rural Electrification Corporation State-wise?