

Delay in the Execution of Thermal Power Project and Second Mine-cut in Neyveli

34. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY:
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the execution of Thermal Power Project and the Second Mine-cut in Neyveli Lignite Scheme; and

(b) the dates by which both these projects are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The delay in the implementation of the Thermal Power Project and the Second Mine-cut in Neyveli Lignite Scheme is due to time taken in evaluation and finalisation of tenders, selection of consultants and difficulties in securing possession of the land.

(b) According to the present indications, the Thermal Power Project is expected to be commissioned in the second half of 1984-85. The Second Mine-cut is expected to be commissioned in the second half of 1983-84.

Effect of Shortage of Coal on Trains

35. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY;
SHRI H. N. GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal shortage has led to cancellation of a number of trains; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by his Ministry to improve the Coal supply to Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a)

and (b). No information has been received about the cancellation of trains due to the shortage of coal.

Fertilizer plants in U.P.

36. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR
SHASTRI:

SHRI TRILOK CHAND:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some fertilizer plants are proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the number thereof and by what time;

(b) whether Government had received a memorandum in November-December, 1980, duly signed by nine Members of Parliament demanding a fertilizer plant for Ghazipur District of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) A Site Selection Committee has been appointed by the Government to recommend optimum locations of the proposed six additional gas-based fertilizer plants including those to be set up in Uttar Pradesh. A decision on the number, location and sequencing of the plants can be taken only after the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee have become available.

(b) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from some Members of Parliament regarding setting up of a fertilizer plant in Ghazipur District of U.P.

(c) As indicated in reply to part (a) above, a decision on the location of the fertilizer plants to be set up in U.P. can be taken only after the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee have become available. !