

**Thapar Group's proposal to set up a Hydro-electric Plant in Karnataka**

3883. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Thapar Group of Industries has submitted a proposal to set up a 30 MW hydro-electric plant in Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the State Government who are concerned with the matter, and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**D.V.C.'s proposal to set up a Thermal Power Station at Mejia in Bankura District**

3884. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the D.V.C. has submitted a feasibility report to Government of India to set up a 600 MW Thermal Power Station at Mejia in Bankura district (West Bengal) very recently;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the report; and

(c) if so, decision taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). The Damodar Valley Corporation have submitted a project Report for the setting up of a 3 x 210 MW Thermal Power Station at Mejia (Stage I) in the Bankura district of West Bengal. The Central Electricity Authority, which is examining the report, has not yet established the techno-economic feasibility of the scheme.

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**D.V.C.'s proposal to set up Power Stations to meet the demand of Durgapur-Asansol Complex**

3885. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the D. V. C. have very recently submitted a number of proposals to set up power stations to meet the growing power needs of Durgapur-Asansol Complex;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) stages at which the proposals rest now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Recently two proposals have been submitted by the DVC for setting up of new thermal power stations to meet the growing power needs of the region, including the Durgapur-Asansol Complex.

(b) and (c). One of the proposals, for the installation of 2x210 MW Thermal units at Bokaro 'B' Stage-II in Bihar, has already been approved by the Public Investment Board. The proposal for setting up of a 2x210 MW Thermal Power Station at Mejia in Bankura district, West Bengal, is yet to be cleared, techno-economically by CEA.

**Non-Observance of Holiday in Indian Petro-Chemicals Corporation Limited, Baroda**

3886. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 19th January, 1981 was declared a holiday for all Central Government offices and Government of India Undertakings as a mark of honour for completion of 1400 years of Islam and its Founder Prophet Mohammed;

(b) whether Government are aware that in response to the said announcement all Central Government