

(e) if not, reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). Government have, so far, approved setting up of two low temperature carbonisation plants, namely, at Ramakrishnapur in Singareni Coalfields (A.P.) and at Dankuni near Calcutta. The plant at Ramakrishnapur has already been commissioned and the Dankuni project is under construction. The technology of low temperature carbonisation of coal provides smokeless fuel for domestic and industrial uses as well as gas for industries, besides producing important bye-products like tar and carbochemicals. Proposals for setting up of more such plants will be considered on the basis of the working results of Dankuni LTC plant, which is the first plant of its kind in India.

In addition to the above low temperature carbonisation plants, Government have approved setting up of following pilot plants/demonstration plants for production of smokeless fuel/synthetic oil from coal—

(i) Demonstration plant for production of pellet coke from coal at Khas Kusunda (B.C.C.L.)

(ii) Demonstration plant for mechanised soft coke at Mugma (E.C.L.).

(iii) Pilot plant for coal hydrogenation at C.F.R.I. Based on the data to be generated in these plants, proposals for scaling up of these/plant will be considered.

Petition Regarding Kerala Telecommunications Entrance Test

1385. **SHRI R. K. MHALGI:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a petition dated 25th September, 1981 regarding Indian Post and Telegraph Department Kerala Telecommunications Entrance Test;

(b) what was the demand made in the said petition;

(c) what decision Government have taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the specific reasons therefor and when the same is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. A petition dated 25-7-81 and not dated 25-9-81 has been received.

(b) The result of the petitioners who had taken the Entrance test on 14-2-80 for lineman learners recruitment in Kannada language should be declared.

(c) As per existing rules, the Entrance test for the recruitment of lineman learners was held in the local language viz. Malayalam and the question papers supplied to the candidates were in Malayalam. But the petitioners wrote the answers in Kannada language instead of Malayalam. However as a special case it has been decided that these answer books, though not in the local language may also be valued. Action is being taken accordingly.

(d) Does not arise.

फिराक गोरखपुरी के इलाज के लिये विशेष सहायता अनुदान

1386. **श्री भीकू राम जैन :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रसिद्ध उर्दू शायर श्री फिराक गोरखपुरी के इलाज के लिए विशेष सहायता अनुदान मंजूर किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ?