

Renovation of Gorakhpur Fertilizer

305. SHRI ASHFAQ HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the reply given on 27-7-82 to Unstarred Question No. 2702 regarding loss suffered by Gorakhpur Fertilizers factory and renovation of its machinery and state:

(a) what is the programme of renovation/replacement of Gorakhpur Fertilizer Plant in view of the fact that it was clearly stated that the aged equipment would be renovated/replaced for improving its efficiency and capacity utilization;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken or already taken to improve power position and meet the inadequate availability of inputs like Naptha and coal; and

(c) whether these steps will be able to convert the loss of 641 lakhs for the year 1981-82 into profit?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) A global tender for replacement of Air Separation Unit has already been issued by Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited and action for procurement of additional Oxygen Compressor and additional Nitrogen Compressor is on hand.

(b) The Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board has been requested for improving power supply to Gorakhpur Plant. The Board has strengthened/improved the Transmission Net Work. An additional storage capacity for Naptha is being added. Constant coordination is being maintained by the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited with Railways for the supply of coal.

(c) These steps are expected to yield favourable results.

Bengali culture in National Programme on T. V.

306. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the new 'National Programme' launched upon by the Television

Centres, adequate provision has been made to project Bengali dances and music, Bengali culture and other aspects of the rich Bengali heritage; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of such programmes which are being telecast under this programme and which of them are being processed produced by the Calcutta T. V. Centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The National Programme carries selected items from all the Doordarshan Kendras including Calcutta on current affairs, music, dance, youth programme, variety shows, etc. which are selected on the basis of quality of their production as well as their all India appeal and thematic content. Due representation is given to programmes in various regional languages though the emphasis is on visuals.

During the period 15.8.1982 to 14.9.82 13 programmes/items produced by Calcutta Kendra, with a duration of 5.10 hours were telecast under the National Programme.

Operation Mechanism of National Grid

307. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State have been asked by his Ministry to give their formulae regarding the operation mechanism of the National Grid if the Centre's proposal for the creation of regional electricity authorities is not acceptable to them;

(b) if so, their reaction;

(c) why did the State Power Minister oppose the Centre's proposal for creating the National Grid at the recent Power Ministers' Conference convened by his predecessor; and

(d) how the Central Government propose to move in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (d). At the annual Power Ministers' Conference