

Periyar Hydro Electric Project and French Assistance

2178. SHRI S KARIAH THOMAS
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government of Kerala have submitted the project report on Periyar Hydro-electric Project ;

(b) Whether the French Government has promised to assist this Project ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir. The report on Lower Periyar Hydroelectric Project (180 MW) has been submitted by Kerala State Electricity Board and the project has since been approved by the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Plan.

(b) to (d) An offer has been received by the Kerala State Electricity Board from CGEE ALSTHOM a French Firm for financing the project. The project has already been posed for World Bank and Kuwait Fund assistance.

Task Forces For Working of Fertilizer Units In Public Sector

2179. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

DR. KRUPASINDU BHOI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up task forces to examine the working of the fertilizer units in the public sector ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R.C. RATH) (a) and (b) Production in some of the public sector fertilizer units has not come up to the targetted level during 1983-84. Besides, commencement of regular production in Haldia plant has been held up for long. Task Forces have, therefore, been appointed to look into these two problems and suggest remedial measures.

Formulation of Area-Code For Non-STD Areas All Over The Country

2180. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have received suggestions for formulating a area-code for non-STD areas all round the country;

(b) whether in view of its relevance the reasons for the delay in implementing this useful suggestion; and

(c) the expected time-span, by which the suggestion will be implemented to facilitate easier booking of calls to out-station towns ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIKAY N. PATIL) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestion though useful will be implemented in the course when all exchanges are automatised and STD is provided to all these exchanges.

(c) The suggestion will be implemented after nationwide STD service is provided after automatisation of all the manual exchanges in the country and bulk telephone circual media like coaxial cables microwave radio are available to interconnect all the telephone exchanges. The approximate time period to implement the suggestion will be about 20 years and depends