

Nuclear Power Prospects in India

10666. SHRI A.K. ROY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether her attention has been drawn to the optimistic observation of the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission published in the Patna based English "The Indian Nation" daily dated 16 January, 1984 under the heading "Tarapur Plant can be run on own fuel" if so, details of the factors preventing that ;

(b) whether her attention has also been drawn to the pessimistic observation made in the Times of India, dated 24 December, 1984 under the caption "N-power prospect worsen"; and

(c) which of the two observations reflects the correct position of Nuclear Technology in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Technology has been developed for production of Mixed Oxide Fuel which can be used as an alternative for Enriched Uranium. Pursuant to the agreement between India and France in November 1982, France is presently supplying Enriched Uranium to fuel TAPS. The country has reached a high degree of self-reliance in the field of nuclear technology.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) We do not agree with the conclusions of the above mentioned article in the Times of India.

Select List for Promotion to Grade IV of Indian Statistical Service

10667. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Departmental Promotion Committee drew up a select list for promotion to Grade IV of Indian Statistical Service in November, 1982 in respect of 63 vacancies which rose upto 30 September, 1978 ;

(b) if so, the year-wise break-up of the 63 vacancies ; and

(c) the reasons for not preparing the select lists in November, 1982 for the vacancies which arose during the year 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) to (b) A Selected List of 63 officers was drawn in November, 1982 for promotion to Grade IV of the Indian Statistical Service in respect of the vacancies falling in the promotion quota as on 30-9-1978. The question of calculating year-wise vacancies did not arise as there is no specific provision in the Indian Statistical Rules to prepare Select List on the basis of annual vacancies. Action could not be initiated to draw up select list in respect of the vacancies falling in the promotion quota subsequent to 30-9-1978 until action to prepare select list in respect of the vacancies as on 30-9-1978 was completed. However another select list of 34 officers in respect of the vacancies falling in the promotion quota as on 31-12-1983 has been issued on 28.4.1984.

Non-Supply of Controlled Rate Papers to Small Scale Units

10668 SHRI RATANSINH RAJDA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether paper manufacturers are refusing the supply of controlled rate paper to the small scale units engaged in manufacturing the notebooks for students ; and