

Gas Turbine Set (1 × 15 MW) at Debari Zinc Smelter, all in Rajasthan, is under consideration of the Government for an investment decision.

M/s. Cominco Binani Zinc Limited a Public Limited Company, have also taken up modernisation/expansion programme to achieve their licenced capacity of 20,000 tonnes per annum of Zinc.

Development of a Pollution-Free Stove by ITI, Kanpur

5245. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether ITI Kanpur has developed a stove that uses rice-husk for fuel at Rs. 200-300 ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce it on a large scale in rural belts and at a reduced price to help the poorer section of the people to use this pollution-free burner ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) It is reported that some faculty members of the Department of Metallurgical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, have developed a "Tube-in-Basket" burner that uses Rice-husk for fuel.

(b) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.

Ban on grant of extension to Class I and Class II Officers

5246. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANDEY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a ban on granting extensions to Class I and Class II officers ;

(b) how many Class I and Class II Officers got extension of service inspite of the ban ; and

(c) whether Government are considering banning such extension completely, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI

P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to Part (a) above.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Task assigned to members of team left at Antractica

5247. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Antarctica Team has since returned home ;

(b) the infrastructure built by them during their expedition to the Antarctica and how many members have been left behind and task assigned to them ; and

(c) whether any Cell will be set up in the Ocean Development Department to process the outcome of the various experiments launched upon by this team and their findings and observations in the various spheres ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) 69 members of the team are presently on their way home. They are likely to reach Goa towards the end of March 1984.

(b) The team has set up a permanently-manned station 'Dakshin Gangotri' with working laboratories at Antarctica. This station is being manned by 12 persons which include three scientists. These scientists will carry out research in the field of meteorology, glaciology and biology. Others will provide logistic support at the station.

(c) A small cell is already functioning for this purpose in the Department of Ocean Development.

Aluminium Extrusion Plant in Orissa

5248. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa's first aluminium extrusion plant is being set up in Balaspore,