

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Inquiry against Officers of DESU Guilty of Theft of Electricity

4090. SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN :
SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY :
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last Session of Lok Sabha, the Minister stated that inquiry against 162 officials of DESU who have been found guilty for theft electricity and some other charges, will be completed by the end of July, 1984 ;

(b) if so, whether the inquiry has been completed ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) It was stated during the last session of Lok Sabha that enquiry into the electricity bills of sixty-three officers of DESU was being conducted. The enquiry has since been completed by the Vigilance Department of DESU.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of a New Institute to boost Basic Research in Drugs

4091. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :
SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY :
Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised any proposal to set up a new institute to boost basic research in Drugs ;

(b) if so, the broad outline of the proposal ;

(c) the site where this institute will be set up ; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :
(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Setting up of Caustic Soda Factory in Orissa by NALCO

4092. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO :
Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa and NALCO, Orissa had approached his Ministry for setting up a Caustic Soda factory in Orissa ;

(b) if so, the reaction of his Ministry thereon ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Alumina and Aluminium plants in Orissa need caustic soda and the required quantity is not sufficiently available in Orissa at present ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry to increase the production of caustic soda in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R. C. RATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) For meeting the requirements of Caustic Soda for the proposed Alumina and Aluminium plants in the State of Orissa, Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. (BALCO), the original promoters of the Orissa Alumina/Aluminium Complex, commissioned a consultants to draw up a feasibility report for the Caustic Soda Plant. The feasibility report is under consideration in the Department of Mines.

Petrol/Diesel Outlets Sanctioned for Tribal and Backward Districts in Orissa

4093. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO :
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :