

(b) and (c). The question of permitting the import of DMT against export of fabrics and garments containing polyester staple fibre is, under consideration of the Government.

**Setting up of Super Thermal Power Plant in West Bengal in Fifth Plan**

6094. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a super thermal power plant in West Bengal in the Central Sector during the Fifth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). It is proposed to establish a Central thermal power station at Farakka at a cost of Rs. 47 crores during the Fifth Plan period. One unit is expected to be commissioned during 1978-79. This station may develop to a larger size during the Sixth Plan.

**Chemical manufacturers entering into deals with foreigners for supply of chemicals**

6095. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some chemical manufacturers have entered into deals with foreigners for the supply of a wide range of items like butanol, butyl acetate, acetic acid and ethyl acetate in view of the higher prices offered by buyers; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines regarding the earning of foreign exchange in this regard during 1972-73?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

**Request from Punjab State for diversion of power from Delhi to Punjab**

6096 SHRI R. S. PANDEY: SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab State has urged the Centre to divert some power from Delhi to the State to relieve the productive units in the State of power shortage; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Govt. of Punjab requested the Central Government in March 1974 to make available additional energy to meet the increased requirements for irrigation pumping in Punjab. Relief to the extent of 1 GWH/day was promptly arranged for Punjab. 0.2 GWH/day were arranged to be given from the Central Thermal Power Station of Badarpur and 0.79 GWH/day were arranged to be given by reduction of power supply to the Nangal Fertilizer Factory from Bhakra.

**Interview of Commercial Clerks, Western Railway**

6097. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD: SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain Commercial clerks were interviewed by the Western Railway administration during January to March, 1974;