

Clearance of Power Projects in Punjab

1236. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have decided to give priority for power projects next only to defence, and

(b) if so, whether in view of this policy decision, the pending power projects in Punjab will receive an early clearance from Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) It has been decided to give priority to power projects next only to defence in so far as the necessary inputs are concerned.

(b) The Mukerian Hydel Project is under examination and other projects remaining to be cleared are awaiting resolution of their inter-State aspects.

Recommendations of the Committee on Spurious Drugs

1237 SHRIMATI ROZA VIDYADHAR DESHPANDEY
SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA
DR KARNI SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Industry has submitted an interim report suggesting steps against spurious drugs,

(b) if so, what is Government's decision on these recommendations, and

(c) when these are likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) The Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Industry constituted by the Ministry of Petroleum

and Chemicals, has made comprehensive recommendations for effective quality control of drugs in the Country, including the steps that should be taken to combat the prevalence of spurious drugs.

(b) and (c). The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration of this Ministry in consultation with the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals.

Manufacture of Mica Paper

1238 SHRI M. KAIHAMUFHU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have a proposal to manufacture mica paper from mica scraps; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). No, Sir, but Government have approved proposals submitted by three parties in the private sector for the manufacture of mica paper from mica scraps using the process developed by the Research and Development Organisation for Electrical Industries, Bhopal in collaboration with the Forest Research Institute.

Theft of Pistons at Ordnance Store, Base Workshop, Delhi Cantonment

1239 SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mysterious theft took place at the Ordnance Store of Base Workshop, Delhi Cantonment some time in April this year in which Truck Pistons were stolen and five military personnel, posted as guards at the main gate, including a civilian working as a welder in the workshop, were arrested.

(b) whether the pistons worth Rs. 40,000/- have been recovered by