

Spilling over of Power Generation Schemes of Fourth Plan in Fifth Plan

3017. SHRI N. K. SANGHI:

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

(a) whether one of the factors responsible for serious gap between power production and its demand is that 42 power generation schemes to be completed during Fourth Plan period had spilled over to the Fifth Plan period; and

(b) if so, the names of such projects and shortfall in each case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A statement showing the shortfall, project wise, is laid on the Table of the House.

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Conversion of A.I.R. into an Autonomous Corporation

3018. SHRI P. VENKATASUB-BAIAH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a persistent demand to make the All India Radio an autonomous Corporation;

(b) whether the demand has been considered afresh; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Demands to this effect have been made in some quarters from time to time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c). Does not arise.

Construction of Multi-purpose Dam over River Kosi

3019. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 188 on the 5th March, 1974 regarding Indo-Nepal talks on construction of Multi-purpose Dams and state:

(a) whether it is proposed to initiate talks with the Government of Nepal for constructing Multipurpose Dam over river Kosi near Barakshetra to end for ever the problem of silting in Kosi canals, ensure perennial irrigation, eradicate floods and generate abundant power; and

(b) if so, main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Technical Committee appointed by the Government of India to go into the question of siltation of the Eastern Kosi Canal has, in its report given in December, 1973, suggested that a high dam for silt storage in the upper reaches of the Kosi river may be investigated. For any such high dam, the life of the dam, the regime of the river between the dam and the Kosi barrage, and between the flood embankment upstream and downstream of the barrage would have to be carefully considered. This suggestion is under consideration of the State Government. The question of discussions with His Majesty's Government of Nepal shall arise after the State Government has taken a decision in the matter.

Production in Rameshwar Nagar Paper Mill

3020. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2078 on the

6th March, 1974 regarding installed capacity of paper plant of Rameshwar Nagar, Bihar and state the time-schedule for starting production at Rameshwar Nagar and the causes for delay?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): According to the original time schedule, the unit should go into production towards the end of this year. However, the damage caused to the factory site, approach roads and railway track by the recent floods may result in some delay. Action is being taken to assess the extent of damage. The time schedule for commencement of production by this plant can be estimated only after the extent of flood damage is known more precisely.

Plan to instal a Coal based Petroleum Plant in West Bengal

3021. **SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER:**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Ministry has received a plan from West Bengal Government for installing a coal based petroleum plant in that State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) A paper suggesting the possibility of locating a coal-based synthetic petroleum plant in the Raniganj coal-field area has been received from the West Bengal Government.

(b) The techno-economic aspects of the production of synthetic petroleum from coal are being studied.

Canal system of Nagarjunasagar Project

3022. **SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:**

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

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought

Central assistance during the Fifth Five Year Plan to complete the canal system of the Nagarjunasagar Project; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for an additional Central assistance of Rs. 10 crores for the project during the year 1974-75.

(b) A team was recently set-up by the Ministry of Irrigation and Power comprising representatives of Central Water and Power Commission, Ministry of Finance, Agriculture and Planning Commission to look into the progress and programme of works on the project and to recommend additional assistance required to accelerate works on the Canal system of the project. The team has since submitted its report which is under consideration of the Government.

Opposition by All India Power Engineers Federation to setting up of Power Corporations in States

3023. **SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Power Engineers Federation has opposed the Government's proposal to set up Power Corporations in the States; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The All India Power Engineers' Federation, while giving a number of suggestions regarding re-structuring of the electricity supply industry at the State, Regional and Central Levels, operation of Regional Grids and Management of Centrally Sponsored Projects, have