

Refusal for Import of Cement into Delhi Territory by Agents

3808. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cement agents of Delhi have decided not to accept and import cement into the territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to keep the flow of cement steady?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Atomic Power Station in West Bengal

3609 SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1213 on the 31st July, 1974 regarding setting up of an atomic power project in West Bengal and state:

(a) the main points of difference between the West Bengal Planning Board and the Department of Atomic Energy;

(b) whether the West Bengal Planning Board has in its second memorandum tried to meet the objections raised by the Department of Atomic Energy; if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) when further discussion between the West Bengal Planning Board and the Department of Atomic Energy is proposed to be held?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The State Planning Board of West Bengal sought to establish that the break-even radius

at which both nuclear and thermal alternatives are equally competitive is 270 kms. by rail from the pit-head of the coal mine. However, in the assessment of the Department of Atomic Energy, the break-even radius is more than 500 kms., and as Danton falls within this radius, the setting up of an atomic power plant at Danton would not be economically feasible. Objections raised by the Department of Atomic Energy have not been adequately met in the Second Memorandum of the West Bengal Planning Board.

(c) It was indicated to the West Bengal Government that in case they are not satisfied with the feasibility analysis made by the Department of Atomic Energy, they could consider deputing a team for detailed discussions. This discussion is now scheduled to be held on 20/21st of September, 1974

Report of Survey by Association of Indian Engineering Industry

3810 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have received the report of survey made by the Association of Indian Engineering Industry;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b). The Association of Indian Engineering Industry has initiated a six-monthly survey of trends in the engineering industry on opinion survey of performance and prospects. In their first survey, covering the experiences of 179 engineering units during