

**Setting up of a Thermal Plant at Rayagadha (Orissa) by J. K. Group of Mills**

2324. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether J. K. Group of Mills have applied for the establishment of a captive thermal plant at Rayagadha (Orissa) in the private sector and the State Government have recommended to the Centre to this effect; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under examination

**Opening of a PCO and a Telegraph Office at Rohini**

2325. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have any plan to start a public call office and a telegraph office at Rohini in the backward district of Santhal Pargana, Bihar; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA) (a) & (b). The proposal for opening a public call office and telegraph office at Rohini has already been examined by this Department. The proposal is showing a loss which cannot be condoned even under the liberalised policy being followed in the matter. The facilities can, however, be provided on rent and guarantee basis.

**Relation of output of trained personnel in various disciplines with growth of Economy**

2326. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had made any effort during the first 4 Five Year Plans to relate the output of trained personnel in the various engineering, scientific and technical faculties of universities and Institutes of technology in the country with the growth of the economy; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise

**Shortage of power in States**

2327. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) the extent of shortage of power in various States at present;

(b) the reasons of this shortage; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to meet this shortage?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) (a) A statement giving the requisite information is attached.

(b) The main reason for power shortage in the country is the shortfall in additions to the generating capacity to meet the growing load demands. The failure of monsoons in various parts of the country has further aggravated the position.