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Fending applications for Licences in Gujarat

230. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

- (a) whether any applications for licences for industrial units in Gujarat are pending with Government at present; and
- (b) if so, the number and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) and (b). Out of the industrial licence applications for Gujarat received till 31-7-76. 84 applications are pending. Various considerations such as availability of infra-structure, raw materials, knowhow, demand, capacity installed etc., are kept in view while taking decisions on industrial licence applications. Every effort is being made to dispose of the pending applications as expeditiously as possible.

Taking over of Power Generating Plants by Centre

231. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a World Bank study of energy problem in India has suggested the take-over by the Centre of all power generating plants, leaving only the distribution to be done by the State Electricity Boards; and
- (b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) A book on the Energy Sector in India published by the World Bank in 1975 has mentioned inter-alia the difficulties in assigning the responsibility for generation and bulk supply of power only to the Centre. It has not been suggested in the book that a policy of Central generation alone should be adopted.

(b) Government see the Central role in the generation of power as supplemental to the efforts of the States.

Revision of Targets set forth in Draft Fifth Plan

232. SHRI D. D. DESAI:
SHRI ARJUN SETHI:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH
GILL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has undertaken a revision of the targets set forth in the draft Fifth Plan;
- (b) if so, whether new and realistic targets have been set for various items of production; and
 - (c) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE): (a) to (c). The work on the finalisation of the Fifth Plan is currently in progress. The production targets are under revision in the light of the production levels achieved and the capacities created during the first two years of the Plan and a realistic assessment of the prospects in the remaining period of the Plan.

Opening of a Television Station at Hyderabad

233. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

- (a) whether Government have decided to open a Television station at Hyderabad during the fifth Plan; and
- (b) if so, the target date for the opening of the above station?