

HEAVY WATER PLANT

69. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the stage at which the setting up of the Heavy Water Plant feeding Rajasthan and Madras stands at present;

(b) the capacity of the plant; and

(c) the cost involved in setting up the plant ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). After a very detailed study of the cost and time factors which would be involved in the setting up of heavy water plants in various locations where inexpensive energy is available, the Atomic Energy Commission has recently decided to locate a 100 tonne Heavy Water Plant by the side of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project at Rana Pratapsagar.

(c) The cost of the plant is estimated to be about Rs. 15 crores.

प्रतिरक्षा संबंधी सामान बनाने के लिये छत्तीसगढ़ संभाग (डिवीजन) में एक केन्द्र की स्थापना

70. श्री लालन लाल गुप्त : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार प्रतिरक्षा सम्बन्धी सामग्री तैयार करने के लिये मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ डिवीजन में एक केन्द्र स्थापित करने का है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कब ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह) : (क) जहाँ नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठा ।

DEFENCE AND MILITARY STUDIES

71. SHRI S. S. KOTHARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to take advantage of the valuable defence

and military studies made by the Institute of Strategic Studies, London;

(b) whether Government have made any efforts to establish a similar institute in India; and

(c) if so, the progress made and experience gained in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Copies of publications of the Institute of Strategic Studies, London are obtained by the various Defence Organisations for study.

(b) The Government have established "The Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses" in Delhi as an Autonomous Body registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 and the registration was effected on 11-11-1965.

(c) Studies on Defence Subjects are being undertaken by the above Institute and monographs will be published when these studies have been completed.

NUCLEAR POWER FOR PEACEFUL USES

72. SHRI S. S. KOTHARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have assessed the progress made by Great Britain with regard to the utilisation of nuclear power for peaceful purposes;

(b) India's progress in this direction; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to harness nuclear energy for such purposes ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Relevant published literature on the subject is being received regularly and studied by our Engineers.

(b) As indicated in its Annual Report, the Department of Atomic Energy is currently setting up three atomic power stations, viz., (1) Tarapur Atomic Power Station, (2) Rajasthan Atomic Power Station, and (3) Madras Atomic Power Station.

(c) The Department is undertaking studies about the feasibility of putting up more atomic power stations in due course.