

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5382/65].

(c) Not in all cases.

(d) Some of the schemes are in different stages of implementation on account of the time taken for arranging the necessary foreign exchange for import of equipment etc., and on account of various other factors also such as collaboration terms etc. Government are trying to render the all possible assistance to these firms for the early implementation of their schemes as and when their problems are brought to notice.

Burning Appliances

2251. Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) the outline of the research made in designing new apparatus or improving upon the present fuel burning appliances in Steel Plants; and

(b) if no study has been made so far, whether Government propose to entrust the task to the Central Fuel Research Institute or Fuel Efficiency Services?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Manufacture of Boilers

2252. Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2872 on the 30th April, 1965 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from the American firm commissioned to carry out feasibility-studies for the setting up of a new unit for the manufacture of large

capacity thermal boilers of 200 Mw and above; and

(b) the estimated capacity that would be available at the end of the Fourth Plan period and the estimated requirements of the boilers?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) No, Sir. An agreement has yet to be executed with the U.S. firm.

(b) The requirements of boilers to match the thermal power equipment to be manufactured in the country by 1970-71 are estimated at 2.1 million Kw and the capacity available from the existing units at that time will be 1.25 million Kw. Efforts are being made to expand the Boiler units at Tiruchirapalli as early as possible. After this expansion takes place the capacity available will be 2.5 million Kw.

Land along the Railway Tracks

2253. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the N.E. Railway has let out thousands of acres of land along the railway tracks of the North Eastern Railway and also near its stations either to railway staff or to the Governments of Bihar and U.P. for raising crops under the plan to raise food production; and

(b) if so, the total acreage of such land?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) 16150 acres of railway lands have been handed over to State Governments and 3500 acres allotted to Railway employees for Grow More Food purposes. Instructions have been issued to the Railways to bring under cultivation the balance cultivable lands during the current year as far as possible.