

the Southern and the Northern region of the country for nuclear research of advanced research in various scientific disciplines making use of tools provided by the development of atomic energy. These centres will provide such facilities as a reactor or an accelerator or a sub-critical assembly etc., which are beyond the means of individual universities.

Laboratory at Veli

551. Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh;
Shri Yashpal Singh;

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 62 on the 16th August, 1965 regarding Laboratory at Veli near Thumba and state the progress made so far in acquiring land for its approach roads?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): A major portion of the land for the construction of the approach road to Veli Hill has since been handed over to the Atomic Energy Department. The remaining land consisting of a few pockets is expected to be handed over to this Department shortly. The approach road is expected to be completed by March 1966.

Heavy Water Plant

552. Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh;
Shri Kishen Pattnayak;
Shri Madhu Limaye;
Shri Bagri;

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision for establishing a heavy water manufacturing plant;

(b) if so, the location thereof; and

(c) the capacity of the same and the amount likely to be spent?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (c). A proposal to set up a Heavy Water Plant with a

capacity of 200 metric tons per annum is under the consideration of Government. The cost of the project is estimated to be Rs. 21 crores.

(b) The location of the plant will be decided after the proposal is approved.

Delhi-Narela-Sonepat-Bahadurgarh Direct Telephone Link

553. Shri Yashpal Singh;
Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh;

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect Delhi with Narela, Sonepat and Bahadurgarh by direct telephone connection; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be finalised?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Communications (Shri Bhagvat): (a) and (b). There is a proposal to connect Narela and Bahadurgarh with Delhi on direct dialling basis. There is no such proposal for Sonepat. The schemes for Narela and Bahadurgarh are expected to be implemented during 1966 after commissioning of automatic exchanges in these places.

Atomic Power Station in M.P.

554. Shri Yashpal Singh;
Shri Bagri;
Shri Madhu Limaye;
Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh;

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government has asked the Centre to set up an Atomic Power Station in that State; and

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

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The Government of Madhya Pradesh has not at