

consideration at its next meeting to be held by end of this month.

Soviet Assistance for Fourth Plan

360. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 36 on the 4th November, 1965 and state:

(a) whether Soviet experts have discussed technical and other matters after visiting some places in India in connection with the Soviet assistance for the Fourth Five Year Plan and submitted their report to the Indian Government;

(b) if so, the main features of the report; and

(c) the kind of assistance which Russia has agreed to give for India's Fourth Plan?

The Minister of Planning (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Soviet experts have had technical discussions in connection with further Soviet assistance. The question of Soviet assistance to India during the Fourth Five Year Plan is now under consideration of the Soviet authorities.

Vikas Dal

361. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 41 on the 4th November, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the scheme to constitute a Vikas Dal to work in villages to push development at the grass roots has since been considered by Government;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) when it is likely to be constituted; and

(d) the total cost of the scheme?

The Minister of Planning (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) A tentative scheme was under preparation but, in view of the emergency, it was decided not to proceed with it at present.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Kothagudem Thermal Power Station

362. Shrimati Lakshmikanthamma:
 Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how many M.Ws. of Power is expected to be generated by the end of Fourth plan at Kothagudem Thermal Power Station;

(b) how much coal is required for the generation of the expected power; and

(c) the arrangements made to get the required coal?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) The generating capacity at the Kothagudem Thermal Power Station by the end of the Fourth Plan is expected to be 240 MW.

(b) The coal requirement is estimated at 1.5 million tonnes annually.

(c) Yes.

Nizamuddin Bridge, Delhi

363. Shri Kajrolkar:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavalya:
Shri Bade:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the completion of the Nizamuddin bridge, Delhi was delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and