

### **Farakka Super Thermal Project**

6166. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units of Farakka Super Thermal Project which have been commissioned so far; and

(b) the total MW of power allocated to Orissa from this power station?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) All the three 200 MW units under the Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stage-I have been commissioned.

(b) Orissa have been allocated 75 MW of power from the total commissioned capacity of 600 MW under Farakka Stage-I Project.

[Translation]

### **Rail Lines in Bihar for Border Security Purposes**

6167. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended railway lines in Bihar for border security purpose;

(b) whether there is proposal to construct railway lines upto Bhavatiavadi from Nirmali, Lokakatia, Jainagar and Sitamarhi in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). Impor-

tant places along the border in Bihar are adequately served by the existing railway lines. As such there are no new proposals for construction of railway lines along the border in Bihar, at present, except restoration of Chhitauni-Bagaha rail link.

[English]

### **Modernisation of Leather Industries**

6168. SHRI P. PENCHALAI AH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise the leather industry by upgrading the technology; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). Modernisation is an on-going process in leather industry being progressively assisted by the Government by liberal policy for import of high technology and sophisticated plant and machinery and engagement of foreign experts in order to facilitate the industry to achieve and maintain competitiveness in the export market.

### **Contracts Undertaken by IRCON**

6170. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railway Construction Company Limited has secured a sub contract for railway electrification in Indonesia;

(b) the countries where the IRCON is having contracts for railway electrification and other projects, details thereof;

(c) how the overseas labour requirement is met by the IRCON;