

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). A proposal of the ONGC was approved by the Government in November 1979 for the purchase of a Multipurpose Support Vessel (MSV) at a cost of Rs. 20.83 crores to be covered under Dutch Credit, from M/s. Ocean Inchange Limited, UK. However, M/s. Ocean Inchange Limited subsequently withdrew their offer and as such at present the ONGC is not purchasing any Multipurpose Support Vessels from M/s. Ocean Inchange Limited, London.

(c) and (d) The tenders for the purchase of the MSV were invited by ONGC from three countries namely, U K, Netherlands and France as per the directive of the Government of India. This was done with a view to utilise the availability of credit/grant from these countries.

(e) The offer of M/s. Ocean Inchange Limited was accepted by ONGC after satisfying itself about the capability of M/s. Ocean Inchange Limited and the Dutchyard where the MSV was to be fabricated.

Progress of work on Buxer Koelwar Embankment in Bihar

*845 **SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether even one fourth work of Buxer-Koelwar embankment on right side of Ganges in Bihar has not yet been completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) and (b). The State Government has reported that out of the total earth-work of 171.52 lakh cubic metre required for the Buxer Koelwar Embankments, the quantity of work done

to the end of June 1980 is 77.27 lakh cubic metre.

Bedthi Power Project in North Canara, Karnataka

*850. **SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA:** Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state what is the estimate of the Bedthi Power Project and what is the stage of the execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): Bedthi (Gangavali) Hydroelectric Project Stage— I (2x105 MW), has been approved by the Planning Commission in April, 1979 for an estimated cost of Rs. 13924 lakhs, including transmission lines and receiving stations. Presently, infrastructure works and detailed investigations for taking up the construction of the various components are in progress.

कोयला उद्योग में पूंजी निवेश

*851. **श्री मूल चन्द डागा :** क्या ऊर्जा और कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) कोयला उद्योग का राष्ट्रीय करण कब हुआ था और सरकार द्वारा अब तक इसमें कितनी पूंजी लगाई गई है ;

(ख) कोयला खान प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड और कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड में सरकार द्वारा अब तक कितनी पूंजी लगाई गई है और दोनों कंपनियों के कृत्य क्या है और उन दोनों के बीच किस प्रकार का समन्वय स्थापित है ;

(ग) कोयला खान प्राधिकरण तथा कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड में गैर सरकारी एजेंसियों द्वारा कितनी पूंजी लगाई गई है ; और

(घ) क्या वे दोनों कंपनियां पिछले बहन से सालों से घाटे पर चल रही हैं और यदि हा, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बिक्रम महाजन): (क) और (ख). कोयला उद्योग का राष्ट्रीयकरण दो चरणों में किया गया था अर्थात् (1) 1-5-1972 को सारी कोककर कोयला खानों का राष्ट्रीयकरण करके उन्हें भारत कोकिंग कोल