

amend the provisions of the MRTTP Act. It is, however, felt that even within the ambit of the present legal provisions, it is quite feasible for a sick unit to be merged with a viable company whenever justified by consideration of public interests.

(c) Does not arise.

Kuwait's loan assistance for Anpara 'A' Thermal Project in Mirzapur District

*297. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kuwait Government has offered loan assistance for the Anpara 'A' Thermal Project being constructed in Mirzapur District; and

(b) if so, the amount of loan offered and its terms and conditions?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development have indicated their willingness to give a loan for Anpara 'A' Thermal Power Project being constructed in Mirzapur District of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) A Mission from the Fund recently came to India and visited the Project site but details of the amount and terms for lending have not yet been finalised.

Development of Micro-Electric Energy Generation

*300. SHRI K. A. SWAMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the full details of the development of micro-electric energy generators;

(b) the cost of such micro-energy generators; and

(c) the plans to utilise micro-electric power generators in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (c). There are 80 small units in operation. The capital cost ranges from Rs. 8000 to Rs. 15000 per KW of installed capacity. With a view to increasing the development of such units, the Ministry of Energy has offered to make available to the States, the services of experts and other technical assistance required by them.

Gas-based Fertilizer Plants Hazira, Gujarat

*301. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of construction of the proposed gas-based fertilizer plants at Hazira in Gujarat State;

(b) whether any negotiations to obtain loan for the proposed plant from the World Bank has been made; and

(c) if so, the amount sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The estimated capital cost of the Hazira Fertilizer Project as approved by Government in December, 1979 is Rs. 622.9 crores, based on the zero date of February, 1980.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The result of the negotiations is awaited.