

Increase in tariff rate by D.V.C.

*130. SHRI SOMNATH
CHATTERJEE:

SHRI R. P. DAS:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DVC is again thinking to raise its tariff;

(b) if so, whether the DVC has consulted the West Bengal and Bihar Governments who are members of the DVC Board before it is going to raise the tariff;

(c) if so, the reaction of both the Governments; and

(d) if not consulted, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):

(a) Yes, Sir, in order to generate internal resources required for implementing the capital programme of D.V.C.

(b) and (c). At a meeting of the Corporation held on 22-1-1982, the proposal was discussed. However, the representative of the Government of Bihar was not present in this meeting, while the representative of the Government of West Bengal asked for more details. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the Corporation.

(d) Does not arise.

Filling up of posts in Engineers India Ltd. reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

*131. SHRI SOMJI BHAI DAMOR:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Engineers India Ltd. has called applica-

tions from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates exclusively for appointment to various categories of posts after April, 1981; if so, how many times;

(b) if so, the number of candidates applied for the posts in response to that advertisement;

(c) if no candidate was called for interview etc., the reasons therefor;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to fill up these posts and quota reserved for these communities; and

(e) by what time these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir, this was done on two occasions after April 1981.

(b) and (c). 280 candidates applied for the posts in various disciplines of engineering and 734 candidates applied for other posts. Interviews have taken place in respect of some categories of posts. All the candidates meeting the requisite standards will be invited for interviews which are scheduled for March—May 1982.

(d) and (e). Engineers India Limited are taking special steps to fill up the posts reserved for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates. These include, inter-alia, providing financial assistance every year for a few undergraduate engineering Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates; associating Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe representatives in the Selection Committees; forwarding details of requirements to the various agencies concerned with a view to assist the recruitment of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates in public sector undertakings. Thus concerted efforts are being made to fill up the reserved quotas for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates as quickly as possible.