

Power Corporation, Gujarat and Maharashtra in near future;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is likely to finance the said programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) which of the States will be benefited by this programme?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (d). A transmission project which covers certain EHV transmission lines and other associated facilities to be executed by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) and Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) has been posed to the World Bank, which is likely to be appraised during September-October, 1982. The direct beneficiary States of the proposed project are Gujarat and Maharashtra while the indirect beneficiary States will be Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

Review of Policy for Production of Bulk Drugs

*441. SHRI DHARAM DASS SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the existing policies framed by Government for production of bulk drugs have not been reviewed from time to time with the changing circumstances of the industry;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the items year wise for which review has taken place with a change in circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following modifications have been adopted in the implementation of

the 1978 Drug Policy, because of changes in the circumstances:

(i) As part of 1978 Drug Policy, it was decided that the scheme of registration with DGTD shall cease in so far as the drug industry was concerned. However, in April, 1978, Government in the Department of Industrial Development further liberalised the scheme of registration with DGTD in respect of all industries. After examination of the whole matter, in consultation with the Department of Industrial Development, it was decided to continue the scheme of registration with D.G.T.D. for the drug industry, pending a final decision in the matter subject to the parameters of the Drug Policy being followed.

(ii) In the 1978 Drug Policy Statement indicative lists of drugs open for licensing to (i) public sector (ii) Indian sector (iii) open to all sectors, were announced. In 1980, Erythromycin, which appeared in the public sector list was decided to be shifted to the list of drugs reserved for the Indian sector. This was done in view of the assessment that IDPL would not be able to meet the 1984-85 demand for Erythromycin.

(iii) The provisions of the Drug Policy relating to regularisation of excess production have been modified in the light of the industrial policy announced by the Government providing for recognition of installed capacity (September, 1980) and re-endorsement of capacity (April, 1982).

Haldia-Fertilizer Plant

*442. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercial production of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporations unit at Haldia has started;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) when the commercial production of the said unit is expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Although the Haldia Plant of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation was mechanically completed in November, 1979, the commissioning activities could not be started till December, 1981 because the required power was not available from the State Electricity Board. There was further delay in reaching commercial production on account of the break-down in the Oxygen Compressors and defect in the Nitrogen Compressor.

(c) The commercial production of the front-end plant comprising Urea and Methanol is expected to start from 1-10-1982 and the production of Nitro-Phosphate and Soda Ash from 1-4-1983.

Garo Hills Thermal Project in Meghalaya

*443. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Garo Hills Thermal Project's execution has been allotted to the State Government of Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred by the State Government in providing infrastructure necessary for the execution of the project like roads, offices and staff quarters and arrangements for water supply and communications; and

(d) how far this will go to help in serving the interests of the local people?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY): (a) The project has been approved for implementation through the North Eastern Council.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

(d) The Garo Hills Thermal Power Station has been sanctioned as regional power station and is intended to serve the interest of the people of the States and

Union Territories in the North-Eastern Region.

बराँनी में पेट्रो-रसायन समूह की स्थापना

*444. श्रीमती कृष्णा साहू: क्या पेट्रो-लियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इस तथ्य के बावजूद कि बराँनी बिहार में देश का सबसे पुराना तेल शोधक कारखाना है, वहाँ अभी तक काँइ पेट्रो-लियम रसायन-समूह स्थापित नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि बिहार सरकार तथा संसद सदस्य पिछले 25 वर्षों से माँग कर रहे हैं कि वहाँ पेट्रो-रसायन समूह स्थापित किया जाये;

(ग) क्या किसी प्रचार समिति ने 1981 में भारत सरकार को ऐसा प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत किया था जिसमें उन्होंने बराँनी में ऐसा समूह स्थापित करने की सिफारिशों की थी; और

(घ) यदि उपरोक्त तथ्य सही है, तो समूह की स्थापना में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रो-लियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री पी. शिव शंकर): (क) से (घ) देश में बराँनी शोधनशाला छठी पुरानी शोधनशाला है। बिहार में एक पेट्रो-रसायन काम्प्लेक्स की स्थापना के बारे में संभाव्य और प्रतिवेदन दिये गये हैं।

वर्ष 1981 में स्थल चयन समिति ने सिफारिश की थी कि बिहार में एक बड़ी पेट्रो-रसायन एरियोजना भी स्थापित की जा सकती है।

बिहार स्टेट फार्मास्यूटिकल्स एण्ड कौंसेल डिप्लोमेट कारपोरेशन को 10,00 मी. टन स्टाइरीन और 10,000 मी. टन पाली-स्टाइरीन के निर्माण के लिये जन 1982 में एक आशय पत्र जारी किया गया।

अन्य दो प्रमुख पेट्रो-रसायन एककों जिनकी पूँजीगत लागत करीब 200 करोड़ रुपये होने की सम्भावना है, की स्थापना के प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन हैं।