

sion is taken on merits after taking into consideration all the relevant factors. Under this policy the Gujarat State Electricity Board invited global tenders for import of equipment for the Wankabori Thermal Power Station (Stage-II) and proposed that equipment may be imported for the project. The Empowered Committee considered the proposal taking into consideration all the relevant factors and decided that in view of the availability of the indigenous manufacturing capacity it would not be possible to go in for import and that orders should be placed on the BHEL for supply of the equipment.

For similar reasons for the request from Gujarat Government for import of generating equipment for the extension scheme of Gandhinagar Thermal Power Station has also not been agreed to.

Hydel Projects Beneficial to Both India and Nepal

*453. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Nepal have agreed on a package programme under which a review of hydel projects encompassing river projects that will give benefit to both the countries will be undertaken;

(b) if so, the projects that will be reviewed;

(c) whether the scheme also envisages the construction of new hydel projects with mutual help; and

(d) if so, whether any such scheme is already under consideration of the two countries and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (d). India—Nepal have agreed to collaborate, for

mutual benefit in the exploitation of water resources. This approach is being pursued on a project basis.

TV Relay Centres at Indore and Bhopal

*454. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a TV Relay Centre at Indore in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the estimated expenditure on this project;

(d) whether Government propose considering to start a TV Relay Centre at Bhopal on the same system; and

(e) if so, whether both centres can be set up under the same scheme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Indore has been identified as one of the 49 locations for setting up TV Relay Centres with the help of microwave link under the perspective plan for expansion of TV in the country in four phases over the next 20 years. Indore is in the first phase (1980-85). Details are yet to be finalised.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Film "Gandhi"

*455. SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid by Government of India for the production of the film on Mahatma Gandhi; and

(b) the agency through which the film will be distributed.