

**TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI):** (a) and (b). The expansion of the Madras Atomic Power Project at Kalpakkam has been considered along with other promising sites in the Southern electricity region by the Site Selection Committee appointed by the Department of Atomic Energy. The Committee's Report has since been received by Government and is under examination.

**Effect of Removal of Capacity Fixation in Industrial Licensing on Small Scale Sector**

\*412. **SHRI ISHAQUE SAM-BHALI:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to do away with the capacity fixation in Industrial Licensing;

(b) if so, the facts and objectives thereof; and

(c) whether Government are aware that this move will affect the small-scale sector gravely?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA):** (a) to (c). There is no proposal to give up capacity fixation, but merely to rationalise the same, extending the concept—already applicable for industries like sugar, and cotton textiles—of capacity fixation norms in terms of input and machine capacity, wherever possible, so that there is greater clarity in the concept of capacity licensed, and there is possibility of increased output through greater productivity with the same equipment. It is also proposed to impart greater flexibility to manufacture items of key importance, as for instance, by versification with in industrial machinery and machine tool industries, within licensed capacity, so that machinery fabrication capacity is

used to the fullest extent and temporary recession in the demand for a specific product does not inhibit the production of other equipment items for which demand may exist and for which presently installed capacity can be used.

**Coordination of Functioning of Research Institutions Financed by Government**

\*413. **SHRI DINESH JOADER:** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are having any proposal to co-ordinate the functioning of research institutions which are being financed by Government;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions and the grants given to them; and

(c) the salient points of the proposal?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):** (a) No, Sir. However, Government is considering evolving major national programmes which be inter-disciplinary and inter-institutional in character. Examples are:—the composite fibre project; use of non-conventional sources of energy; use of algae as a source of protein, fertilizer and energy.

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

**Creation of a Board for Construction of Their Dam**

\*414 **SHRI SARJOO PANDEY:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has submitted any new proposal for creating Board or Corporation for the construction of the Their Dam;