

Big Industries in Bihar

*195. DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :
SHRI B. P. MANDAL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Bihar have submitted any proposal to the Government of India for the setting up of big industries in that State during the Fourth Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). The Fourth Plan proposals of the Bihar Government were contained in the Draft Outline of the Fourth Five Year Plan--Bihar, prepared by the Govt. of Bihar, which were discussed in the Planning Commission on the 18th and 19th October, 1968. No other proposals have been received from the Bihar Govt. for setting up big industries in the State during the Fourth Plan.

The projects in the Central Sector to be set up during the Fourth Five Year Plan and the investments proposed to be made on them are given on pages 253-260 of the Draft Fourth Five Year Plan Report. The projects to be located in Bihar during the Fourth Plan are also mentioned there. In so far as projects, locations for which have not yet been decided, are concerned it is not possible to state at this stage, which of such projects, if any, will be located in Bihar.

Construction of Cuttack-Paradeep Line on South Eastern Railway

*196. SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any final schedule for the completion of construction of Cuttack Paradeep line in the South Eastern Railway has been fixed;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ex-Railway Minister, Shri Poonacha, announced

at the inauguration ceremony held at Cuttack that the construction would be completed by 1970-71;

(c) whether the present phased programme announced by his Ministry will not slow down the process and ultimately delay the date of completion; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the post of independent Engineer-in Charge for the Project has been abolished and it has been put in charge of the same person who is now looking after Haldia Project ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND RAILWAYS (SHRI GOVINDA MENON) : (a) According to the present schedule, the line is expected to be completed by the end of 1972.

(b) Shri Poonacha mentioned that the work is expected to be completed by 1971.

(c) The phased programme has been fixed with a view to complete the work on the main line along with that on the loading and unloading facilities for iron ore at either ends of the line.

(d) The post of District Engineer in charge of this project has not been abolished. There are separate District Engineers for construction of Cuttack-Paradeep as well as Haldia-Panskura lines, working under the Engineer-in-Chief, Calcutta.

अशोक पेपर लिमिटेड, दरभंगा

*197. श्री द्वा० ना० तिवारी : क्या औद्योगिक विकास, आन्तरिक व्यापार तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार सरकार ने अशोक पेपर लिमिटेड, बिहार के सम्बन्ध में कोई योजना भेजी है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?