

tricity Board will construct the barrage.

### Organic Chemicals

\*497. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:  
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1340 on the 8th September, 1961 and state:

(a) the progress since made in the manufacture of various organic chemicals like carbon black, P.V.C. etc., and

(b) at what stage of implementation each scheme is?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). In respect of 3 schemes for P.V.C., carbon black, polyethylene and other organic chemicals proposals for technical/financial collaboration with foreign Firms have since been received and are under examination. A request for increase in the naphtha cracking capacity received from another applicant is under scrutiny with particular reference to the type and capacity of the cracker. In regard to the remaining 3 schemes for polyethylene, synthetic rubber and Phenol etc. we are hoping to hear about the definite steps taken by the parties, about the middle of the next month.

### Textile Industry in Ahmedabad

\*500. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industry in Ahmedabad had been facing serious threat of closure as a result of shortage of coal from September, 1961 onwards; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to avert the crisis?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Textile Mills in Ahmedabad experienced shortage of steam coal during September, 1961.

(b) Coal allocations to the mills were stepped up and additional transport facilities were arranged.

### Slum Clearance in Delhi

\*506. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether a rupees thirteen crore scheme for Delhi's slum clearance has been recently finalised; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K Chanda): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

### Indian Doctors serving in Burma

\*507. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have examined reports regarding the difficulties experienced by Indian doctors serving in Burma; and

(b) whether Government of India are requesting the Government of Burma to offer improved terms for their contract of service in Burma?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) No reports regarding the difficulties experienced by Indian doctors presently serving in Burma have come to the notice of Government. However, a few complaints from doctors who served in Burma previously were received and have been duly looked into.

(b) At the request of the Government of Burma, the Government of India have approved of the recruitment of 104 Indian doctors by the Government of Burma. Provision has been made in the new Agreement to safeguard the interests of the Indian doctors.

### Explosion in Southern India Exporting Company Fireworks at Sivakasi

\*508. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state: