

Regarding 1966-67 certain enterprises are yet to close their annual accounts. The position about performance during this year would be available only thereafter.

(b) The position regarding Hindustan Steel Ltd., the only Running Concern in steel industry is indicated above. In the coal and fertilizer sectors there was net profit totalling Rs. 0.29 crores and Rs. 5.53 crores respectively during 1961-66.

(c) The National Buildings Construction Ltd. incurred losses in the years 1963-66.

(d) The working of all units in the public sector is kept constantly under review, and every effort is made to check the losses and increase profitability.

DHEWARAN THERMAL STATION
(GUJARAT)

5331. SHRI R. K. AMIN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the site of Dhewaran Thermal Station in Gujarat State was selected without proper enquiry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present the silting of river Mahi interrupts the working of this thermal station;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a thorough enquiry in this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO):

(a) No; Sir.

(b) Higher silt content during monsoon and floods in Mahi river occasionally chokes cooling water circulating system of the power station. However, steps are being taken to eliminate this trouble.

(c) and (d). Since problems being faced by the power station are fully known and remedial measures are also being taken, no further enquiry

into the matter is considered necessary.

AIR POLLUTION IN DELHI

5332. SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN: Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that air pollution in Delhi is on the increase and is posing a serious threat to the health of people; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to deal with this menace?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid down on the table of the Sabha.

UPPER KRISHNA PROJECT

5333. SHRI M. N. NAGHNOOR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Mysore have been making repeated requests to the Central Government for financial assistance to take up 'Upper Krishna Project'; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) In view of the outlay on this project being very limited, on account of financial constraints no earmarked Central assistance is being given for this Project at present.

MYSORE PROJECTS

5334. SHRI M. N. NAGHNOOR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of irrigation schemes have been sent by the Government of Mysore to the Central Water & Power Commission for technical clearance;