

to Uttar Pradesh near Banswara and Sawai Madhopur to put up 400 M.W. Thermal Power Plant for which Rajasthan Government is believed to have sent Project Reports to the Central Electricity Authority in December, 1983 for approval; and

(b) when are these projects likely to be approved and plants commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b). Government have decided to set up a gas based thermal station of about 370 MW at Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan. The commissioning schedule has not been determined.

National Power Grid

4406. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether States have agreed on the formation of National Power Grid;

(b) if not, the names of States opposed to the idea;

(c) what efforts have so far been made to persuade these States in this regard; and

(d) the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d). There is general acceptance of the concept of National Power Grid.

Setting up of Lignite based Thermal Power Plant in Rajasthan

4407. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a techno economic feasibility report on setting up Lignite based thermal Plants at Kapoordi and Palana in Rajasthan has been submitted to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the causes of the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c). Rajasthan State Electricity Board has submitted in February, 1985, the revised cost estimates of the Palana Project. The Central Electricity Authority is appraising the viability of the project on that basis. No project feasibility report has been received for setting up a lignite based thermal station at Kapoordi.

[Translation]

Central Schools in Barmer and Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

4408. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is not even a single Central School in Barmer and Jaisalmer cities in Rajasthan where Military Headquarters and many offices of the Union Government are functioning;

(b) if so, the reasons for not opening Central Schools at these places; and

(c) when Central Schools will be opened at these places ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir. There are two Central Schools at Barmer. One at No. 5, FBSU, Air Force, Uttarlai, Post Office, Barmer, the other at Jalipa Cantt, Post Office Barmer. There is one Central School at A.F.S. Jaisalmer.

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

[English]

Government's Assistance to States for Lift Irrigation Scheme

4409. SHRI G. DEVARYA NAIK : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to give fund for lift irrigation schemes in different States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Department of Irrigation).

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Power Rates in Delhi

4410. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to raise the power rates in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor; and

(c) the date from which the power rates are proposed to be increased with reaction of the public thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c). Tariff rates for supply of electricity in Delhi have been increased with effect from 9.4.1985. The increase had become necessary as the costs of inputs of power generation and supply have increased since DESU last fixed its tariff in April, 1979. The increase does not affect low and middle income households and agriculturists.

Flyash from Badarpur Thermal Power Plant

4411. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether residents of South Delhi have complained against the flyash from the chimneys of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant which gets into their houses;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Badarpur Thermal Power Plant authorities are taking action to install additional fly-ash precipitation equipment in its 3 × 100 MW generating units.

Proposal for Assistance to States Spending Higher Amount of Education

4412. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any special proposal to give additional financial assistance to the States which spend higher amount on education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Train Accident near Tundla

4413. SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a train accident took place near Tundla recently in which many persons were injured; and

(b) if so, the causes of the accident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) In the accident which occurred near Tundla on 28.3.85, 3 Railways employees sustained injuries.

(b) The cause of the accident is under enquiry.

Shortage of Medicines in Government Hospitals and free Medicines to all Citizens

4414. SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :