

(b) The proposed BG line 182 km long was estimated to cost Rs. 156 crores with a negative rate of return. The project could not, therefore, be considered for being taken up.

White Paper on Public Sector

75. SHRI SHANKERSINH VEGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the time since the proposal for bringing out a White Paper on Public Sector has been under consideration;

(b) the aim in view behind the proposal; and

(c) when the White Paper is to be placed before the House?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The proposal to bring out a White Paper on Public Sector has been under consideration since March, 1987.

(b) The aim behind the proposal is to further improve the working of public sector enterprises as well as enhance their autonomy and make them accountable for results.

(c) The proposal is still under consideration of the Government.

Tidal Power Project in Gulf of Kutch

76. SHRI SHANKERSINH VEGHELA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any techno-economic evaluation of feasibility report was carried out for the tidal power project in Gulf of Kutch;

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the decision taken thereon; and

(c) whether such projects in other coastal places have also been considered and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The techno-economic evaluation of the feasibility report for the Tidal Project in Gulf of Kutch has been carried out. However, the scheme was not yet been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority.

(b) During the course of the techno-economic evaluation of the feasibility report, it was considered necessary to carry out further investigations and studies on certain aspects of the project to arrive at a final decision. These are under progress.

(c) Such projects in other coastal places have not been considered so far.

Introduction of Vayudoot Flights to Pilani/Jhunjhunu

77. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to bring Pilani and/or Jhunjhunu on the air map by introducing Vayudoot flights to these areas; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Budge-Budge-Namkhana Railway Line

78. SHRI RADHIKA RANJAN PRAMANIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: