

rejected as adequate capacity has already been approved for the manufacture of this item

No Industry District in Orissa

5050 SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a proposal to declare Kalahandi district in Orissa as 'No Industry District' and

(b) if so, when that district is going to be declared as 'No Industry District'?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) No, Sir it has been declared as Category 'B' District

(b) Does not arise

[*Translation*]

Issue of licences for setting up of industries in Chambal Division

5051 SHRI CHHABIRAM ARGAL Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the number of application pending with Union Government to set up industries in Chambal division (Bhind and Morena) and also the names of the industries proposed to be set up there,

(b) when these applications are likely to be cleared; and

(c) the number of industries for which licences have been issued by Union Government in this area?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) and (b) During the years 1987 to 1989, 56 Industrial Licence applica-

tions for setting up of Industries in Chambal Division (Bhind and Morena) were received Out of these, 11 applications have been approved and letters of intent granted Of the remaining 45 applications, 21 have been rejected or otherwise disposed of and 24 are at various stages of processing The details of letters of intent issued for setting up of industries are published by the Indian Investment Centre in their Monthly Newsletter Copies of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly

It is the constant endeavour of the government to dispose of all industrial licence applications as expeditiously as possible

(c) During the years 1987 to 1989, 6 Industrial Licences for setting up of Industries in Chambal Division (Bhind and Morena) were issued

Gas Based Power Projects of Punjab

5052 S ATINDER PAL SINGH Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up gas based Power Plants in Punjab,

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether Government contemplate to convert coal based Thermal Power Plants into gas based the that state,

(d) whether Government has received any such proposals from Punjab Government in this regard,

(e) if so, the details thereof, and

(f) by what time it is likely to be approved and the construction work would be started?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) and (b). The

Government of Punjab have proposed to set up a 600 MW gas-based combined cycle power plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 551 crores, at Doraha, District Ludhiana. Gas availability for the proposed project has not been confirmed. The Central Electricity Authority has advised the Punjab State Electricity Board to revive the scheme after the gas linkage is tied up.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f). Do not arise.

[English]

Maithan and Panchet Reservoirs

5053. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity of the Maithan and Panchet reservoirs under D.V..C. has considerable decreased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The capacities of the Maithan and Panchet reservoirs under Damodar Valley Corporation have decreased due to sedimentation.

(c) The problem of sedimentation is tackled by extraction of sediments from the head reaches of the reservoirs and by planned soil conservation programmes consisting of afforestation, gully and waste land protection.

[Translation]

Extension of Mithilanchal Express to Prayag and Guwahati

5054. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start super fast trains from Jainagar to Prayag and Guwahati;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to extend the route of the Mithilanchal Express (5533 UP and 5554 DN) and 321 UP and 322 DN Express up to Prayag and Guwahati, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

[English]

Rural Electrification During Seventh Plan

5055. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by the Rural Electrification Corporation for rural electrification in the country during the Seventh Plan, State-wise;

(b) whether the target set for Rajasthan in the Seventh Plan has been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of villages in Dholpur