

Tripura is the Gas Turbine Thermal Power Project at Rokhia (2 x 8 MW). The first unit has been synchronised on 21.3.1990 and the second unit is expected to be commissioned by May, 1990.

[*Translation*]

Heavy Industries in Western Rajasthan

5107. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up heavy industries in the public sector in Western Rajasthan is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set up any Central Public Sector Enterprise with its registered Office in Western Rajasthan.

[*English*]

POH Work at Siliguri

5108. SHRI MANIK SANYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum against the decision taken by the Railway Board to close down the POH work at Siliguri Junction and shifting of the diesel shed from Siliguri Junction to Ajmer and Golden Rock; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Yes,

Sir. A memorandum from General Secretary Northeast, Frontier Railway Diesel Labour and Staff Council, Siliguri Junction Branch in connection with retaining of POH work at Siliguri was received through Shri Somnath Chatterjee, M.P. under his D.O. Letter No. SC/394/F-33/90 dated 24th January, 1990. However, no representation has been received regarding shifting of Diesel Shed from Siliguri Junction to Ajmer and Golden Rock.

Initially the POH work of the Diesel Locomotives, in view of their few numbers and new condition, was limited and could be attended to in the diesel locomotives Sheds satisfactorily. But with the passage of time, increased usage and also increase in the number of diesel locomotives, the quantum of workload in POH increased and, therefore, POH work had to be shifted to major nodal workshops where PHO facilities available are much better as compared to what is available in loco sheds. In view of this, it would be appreciated that in the interest of the overall condition of the diesel locomotives, retaining POH work at the Diesel Shed, Siliguri is not justified. Similar action has been taken in regard to all Diesel Sheds on Indian Railways where earlier POH of diesel locos had been undertaken in the initial stages of dieselisation.

The Siliguri Shed was originally built for homing 40 diesel locomotives and after transfer of POH the capacity has been raised to 60 locomotives. As on date the shed is holding 70 locomotives as against its capacity of 60. As such there was no staff redundancy due to shifting of POH work load.

[*Translation*]

Hydel Power Project in Himachal Pradesh

5109. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by Union Government for Hydel power projects in Himachal Pradesh during the last five years, project-wise;

(b) whether the amount allocated for the projects has been actually utilised by State Government, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Details of project-wise release of funds to Government of Himachal Pradesh under the scheme of Grant-in-aid for Survey & Investigation of H E Ps in backward and hilly areas during last five years are as follows -

S No	Name of Project	1985 - 86	1986 - 87	1987 - 88	1988 - 89	1989 - 90
1	Parvati HEP	25 00	15 00	24 80	25 00	25 00
2	Baspa HEP	25 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
3	Gyspa	17 00	5 00	5 20	5 00	6 00
4	Chhatru				-	3 00
5	Chamera St II	9 00			-	-
Total		75 00	30 00	40 00	40 00	44 00

(b) Amounts allocated for 1985 - 86 to 1988 - 89 have been fully utilised

(c) Does not arise

National Small Industries Corporation business with Africa

5110 PROF SHAILENDRA NATH SHRIVASTAVA Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the value of business transacted in rupees with African countries by the National Small Industries Corporation during 1988 - 89 and the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby, and

(b) the target of business with African countries fixed for the year 1989-90 and the extent to which, this target has been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) According to the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd., a total business of Rs 6 58 Crores was transacted with African countries during 1988-89 and the Corporation received foreign exchange equivalent to Rs 1 17 Crores

(b) The Corporation has no separate target for African countries. However, the Corporation executed a total business of Rs 1 88 Crores during 1989-90 with the African countries

[English]

LPG Supply in Kerala

5111 SHRI SURESH KODIKUNNIL Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether the supply of cooking gas to