

of Bihar etc. The location of the project site as proposed has been rejected by Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) primarily due to proximity to reserved and protected forests. The project will require investment approval after these issues are settled.

[English]

Satellite Monitoring Center

1707. SHRIANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new satellite Monitoring Centre is coming up at Jalna in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the time by which the centre is proposed to start working and the scope of its functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The centre is likely to start working towards end 1992. The station will provide capability to monitor technical parameters of emissions from satellites in the visible arc of Geo-stationary satellite orbit over India viz. 20-E-1400 E. This will facilitate implementation of national and international radio regulations governing space radio communication system. The measurements by the said station will facilitate interference free operation of Indian satellite & terrestrial radio communication systems.

[Translation]

Closure of Hindustan Steel Works Company Limited

1708. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to close down the Hindustan Steel Works Company Limited; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gas Based Power Plant in Uttar Pradesh

1709. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey was conducted in some places of Uttar Pradesh for setting up gas based power plants;

(b) whether the Government have now decided not to pursue the scheme further; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Ministry of Power is not aware of any survey conducted in Uttar Pradesh for setting up gas based power plants. However the proposal for installation of following gas based power plants were received from Uttar Pradesh state Electricity Board (UPSEB) by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA):

(i) Gas based combined cycle at Dadri in Distt. Ghazibad-600 MW

(ii) Anola Gas based CCGT project in Distt. Barailly - 600MW

(iii) Babrala Gas based CCPT project in Distt. Badahn - 600MW