

these, nine proposals are for setting up 100% export-oriented units

The proposals which have been cleared are in the fields of barley malt and malt extracts packed/canned mushrooms, processed potato/grain food, tomato paste, mango paste, sprouting grade moong, beans spices, soya products, vegetable oil extracts

### **Ban on Irrigation Projects of Bihar**

4759 SHRI SHIVA SHARAN SINHA Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Planning Commission has imposed a ban on the implementation of remaining portion of work on Gandak irrigation project during the Eighth Five Year Plan,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and

(c) if not the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) to (c) The remaining portion of work of Gandak project under Gandak Phase-II is being implemented by the Government of Bihar as an on-going project. An outlay of Rs 35 crores has been approved for this project during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[English]

### **Supply of Power from Sugar Mills to Electricity Grids**

4760 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether a number of sugar factories have surplus power during the crushing season which can be fetched to the State Electricity Grids to overcome power shortage,

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to supply power from sugar factories to the Electricity Grids,

(c) if so the details thereof and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S KRISHNA KUMAR) (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A number of sugar factories have got potential to generate surplus power during the crushing season. It has been estimated that an additional 3 200 MW is feasible through co-generation in sugar factories. A programme for promoting the use of bagasse from sugar factories for co-generation is under consideration.

Two Pilot Plants each of about 4 MW capacity surplus power have been taken up in Tamil Nadu under partial grant assistance from the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. First Pilot Plant has been completed and about 65 000 units of electricity have been generated and fed into the grid for the crushing season ending July, 1992. The second plant is under advance stage of completion.

[Translation]

### **Desert Area**

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