

In so far as Kinnison Jute Mill is concerned, they have approached Industrial Finance Corporation of India for grant of a loan on soft terms for renovation and modernisation which would enable them to reopen the mill. A meeting has been called by the Ministry of Industry to facilitate an early decision on the company's request.

As regards Naskarapara Jute Mill, it is understood that the Mill management has taken up their labour and financial problems with the Government of West Bengal and it is learnt that negotiations between them are still going on.

The Government is not aware of any "PARTIALLY CLOSED" Jute Mills.

Setting up Thermal Power Stations

1198. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL:

SHRI SHANKERSINHJI
VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision regarding setting up giant 500MW thermal power stations at several new locations in the country to build up generating capacity; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Government's approval has so far been accorded for setting up of Thermal Power Stations envisaging installation of 500 MW generating units at the following locations:

- (i) Trombay Extension in Maharashtra where installation of one unit of 500 MW is proposed.
- (ii) Korba in Bilaspur District of Madhya Pradesh where the

first stage installation of 1100 MW which has been approved, will include three units of 200 MW and one Unit of 500 MW.

- (iii) Ramagundam in Karimnagar District of Andhra Pradesh with the first stage installation of 1100 MW which includes three units of 200 MW and one unit of 500 MW.

Transfer of Information Officers

1199. SHRI L. L. KAPOOR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have transferred a large number of Information Officers who acted excessively during the emergency;

(b) if so, their number; and

(c) what work has been assigned to them?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Involvement of Indian Universities for Solution of Specific Defence Requirements

1200. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to involve Indian Universities for finding a solution for specific defence requirements and projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. SHER SINGH): The steps taken are: