

The list of districts where the Bihar Government has proposed to open District Industries Centres:

1. Santhal Parganas, 2. Palamau,
3. Darbhanga, 4. Samastipur, 5. Madhubani,
6. Muzaffarpur, 7. Champaran, East, 8. Champaran West
9. Katihar, 10. Purnea, 11. Shahbad,
12. Ranchi, 13. Gaya, 14. Nawadah,
15. Aurangabad, 16. Bhojpur,
17. Nalanda, 18. Bhagalpur.

**Closing of 'Sainik' a daily published from Agra**

475. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'SAINIK', a daily published by Sainik Public Charitable Trust from Agra, was closed down about 5 years ago;

(b) whether there was a case before the Labour Court at Agra to decide upon the dispute raised by the workmen;

(c) if so, whether any decision was taken by the Labour Court;

(d) if so, the nature of the decision; and

(e) what steps have so far been taken by Government for the implementation of the decision?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

**Badarpur Thermal Power Station**

476. SHRI P. VENKATASUB-BAIAH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Badarpur Thermal Power Station has been commissioned; and

(b) whether the construction of the other unit of 210 MW has started?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The first stage of the Badarpur Thermal Power Station comprising of three units of 100 MW each has been commissioned.

(b) Yes, Sir.

**Going into production of Heavy Water Plants**

477. SHRI DHARM VIR VASISHT: SHRI P. VENKATASUB-BAIAH:

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for our Heavy Water Plants at Baroda, Tuticorin, Kota and Talcher not going into production on schedule; and

(b) the steps taken to quench the thirst of our nuclear plants under construction at Madras and Narora in the absence of domestic production?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) The technology of production of heavy water is new and complex. The processes adopted for the Heavy Water Plants being set up at Baroda, Tuticorin, Kota and Talcher are being used for the first time in India. This factor and delay in the supply of equipment from indigenous and foreign sources, problems of transportation of certain heavy equipments, failure of some of these equipments, interruptions in power supply and in the supply of synthesis gas from the fertilizer plants and events like strikes are the main reasons for the delay in commissioning of the Heavy Water Plants.

(b) It is expected that heavy water from domestic production will be available for Madras and Narora Atomic Power Stations.