

Power Station in Tamil Nadu have been condemned by the Czechoslovakian experts, who were the designers of the plant; and

(b) if so, the action taken for rectifying the defects in the modifications carried out by BHEL.?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b): The Czechoslovak Design Engineers from the works of M/s. Skoda Ltd. have visited Ennore Thermal Power Station, checked the distribution of heating surfaces in the furnaces of the steam generators and are satisfied with their calculations. Another team of Czechoslovak Power Station Operation Engineers is now expected to visit Ennore in the near future to check the operational practice adopted in this power station.

Delay in clearance of Mettur Thermal Project

324. **SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:** Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the clearance of the Tamil Nadu Government's proposal of 420 MW Mettur Thermal Project; and

(b) the steps being taken to expedite this clearance?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b): The clearance of Mettur Thermal Power Project Report submitted by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board was delayed because of delay in firming up the—availability of water because of inter-State angle and also because of delay in confirmation of linkage of coal. The scheme has now been accorded techno-economic approval by the Central Electricity Authority at its meeting held on 27th May, 1980 subject to

confirmation for drawal of consumptive water requirement from the river Cauvery for cooling purposes in the project.

कोयला खनन उद्योग के लिये सुरक्षा बोर्ड

325. **श्री नन्द किशोर शर्मा :** क्या ऊर्जा, सिंचाई और कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कोयला खनन उद्योग के लिये एक उच्च स्तरीय सुरक्षा बोर्ड गठित करने का निर्णय किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो यह बोर्ड कब तक गठित किया जायेगा और इसके सदस्यों के नाम और इस बोर्ड के कृत्य क्या होंगे ।

ऊर्जा, और कोयला मंत्री (श्री ए०बी०ए० गनी खान चौधरी) :

(क) और (ख) : सिद्धान्त रूप में यह निर्णय ले लिया गया है कि एक उच्च स्तरीय "कोयला खान सुरक्षा बोर्ड" स्थापित किया जाये । विचार यह है कि यह बोर्ड, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ कोयला खानों में सुरक्षा के उपायों को समुचित रूप से लागू करने की निगरानी करेगा और सुरक्षा की स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए सरकार को मलाह देगा कि क्या कदम उठाये जाये । बोर्ड के सदस्यों के संबंध में यथा समय निर्णय लिया जायेगा ।

Setting up of a T.V. Relay Centre at Nasik

326. **SHRI R. K. MHALGI:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision to set up a Television Relay Centre at Nasik in Maharashtra State has been taken;

(b) if so, when the decision was taken;

(c) when the work on this proposed relay station would commence, and when the station is likely to be commissioned; and

(d) the estimated expenditure of the project and the area to be covered by the station?