

(c) Implementation and operation of the irrigation project is the responsibility of the State Government. As reported by the State Government the area irrigated is not considered to be far below satisfactory level. As the potential has been recently developed and on-farm development works completed recently.

(d) Does not arise.

Thermal Plant at Mejia Coalfields

5968. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA:
SHRI ACHARIA BASUDEB:

Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a thermal plant in Mejia Coalfield area; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Government have, initiated action to investigate the coal potential of the Mejia block in West Bengal to establish the coal potential. The setting up of a thermal power station in the Mejia coalfield area would depend on the provings in respect of coal availability in that area.

भाखड़ा और चम्बल परियोजनाओं में बिजली की उत्पादन लागत

5969. श्री दौलत राम सारण : क्या ऊर्जा और कोयला मंत्री वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भाखड़ा और चम्बल परियोजनाओं में बिजली की क्या लागत आती है और इसे उन्मोक्तकों को किस दर पर दिया जाता है; और

(ख) आयोगिक और कृषि क्षेत्रों को बिजली किस दर पर दी जाती है और इस सम्बन्ध में उन्हें क्या छूट दी जाती है?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विक्रम महाजन) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Plastic Pipes manufactured by Chemplast Mettur in Tamil Nadu

5970. SHRI K. ARUJUNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the plastic pipes manufactured by Chemplast Mettur in Tamil Nadu is mainly used by water and Drainage Board throughout the country and its production is only 50 per cent;

(b) what are the reasons for the shortage of production; and

(c) what steps Government are going to take for cent per cent of production?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) M/s. Chemicals and Plastics India Limited have reported that their production of PVC pipes during the period January-June 1980 has dropped by 31 per cent as against the average production in 1979 due to severe shortage in the availability of alcohol in Tamil Nadu.

(c) Tamil Nadu is normally self-sufficient in molasses. Distribution of these items to the industrial units within the State is within the purview of the State Government. The Tamil Nadu Government is being requested to make available adequate raw materials to M/s. Chemplast. The Company has requested certain concessions in import duty on ethylene dichloride to be imported to enable them to sustain production. This is under the consideration of Government.