

Proposals for an All India Radio National Council

6055. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL MAIDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inter-Ministerial Committee have recommended setting up of an All India Radio National Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No Inter-Ministerial Committee has recommended the formation of any such body.

(b) Does not arise.

Pesticide Produce in Bihar

6056. SHRI RAM SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) names of companies which produce pesticide in Bihar and U.P. States (give their annual production separately in each case);

(b) no. of cases, if any which came to the notice of Government regarding blackmarketing and adulteration of pesticides during the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 and the action taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) At present there is no unit in the organised sector manufacturing technical grade pesticides in Bihar. There is only one unit in the organised sector in Uttar Pradesh set up by M/s. Kanoria Chemicals at Renukoot in District Mirzapur for the manufacture of 12000 tonnes per annum of BHC technical. Their actual production of this pesticide during 1979-80 was 12,329 tonnes.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Effect of Shortage of Coal on Industrial Production and Power Generation

6057. SHRI PRABHUNARAYAN TANDON: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal shortage is having an adverse effect on industrial production and power generation in the States like Madhya Pradesh though coal deposits are available in those States; and

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to deal with this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) There has been no loss of power generation due to shortage of coal in Madhya Pradesh and other States where coal deposits are located in the State itself during the last six months.

However, coal shortage could be one of the several factors adversely affecting industrial production.

(b) A number of steps have been taken to ensure supply of adequate coal to the various thermal power stations. These steps include:

(i) Coal companies and Railways have been asked to step up coal supplies to the various thermal power houses.

(ii) Close Liaison is being maintained between the Deptt. of Coal, Railways and Deptt. of Power and high level inter-Ministerial meetings are also held periodically to review coal supplies to the power houses.

(iii) Coal supplies to thermal power houses are also being monitored by the Cabinet Committee on