

(b) if so, the reasons for lying idle of costly equipment and also why it was not utilised for the purpose it was imported; and

(c) the action being taken against the persons who are responsible for such negligence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). Equipment for Units III and IV of the Nagarjunasgar Pump Storage Scheme have been ordered from abroad. Some of the components of this equipment are due to be supplied by BHEL. While the imported components have arrived, there has been delay in the supply of the indigenous portion, as the technology involved in the manufacture of the pump storage turbines is sophisticated and being undertaken for the first time in the country. BHEL is expected to complete their supplies by March 1981 and August, 1981.

#### Setting up of a panel on coal output and movement

4014. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a panel to study coal output and its movement; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). Government has not set up any panel exclusively to study coal output and its movement. However, the Cabinet Committee on Industrial Infrastructure monitors the coal production and its movement besides monitoring the other essential economic activities.

#### Visit by industrial delegation from United Kingdom

4015. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV; SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH; SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA; SHRI BHIKHU RAM JAIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had an opportunity to meet the high power industrial delegation from United Kingdom which visited the country recently; and

(b) if so, the results of the discussion held with the delegation regarding scope of cooperation in the fields of oil, fertilizers, petrochemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). A Mission of senior British Industrialists led by Lord Limerick, Chairman of the British Overseas Trading Board called on me in the last week of November, 1980. This visit was more in the nature of a courtesy call, and no specific projects were discussed with the team.

#### Conference of State Information Ministers

4016. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of State Information Ministers was held in New Delhi in November, 1980;

(b) if so, the main suggestions and recommendations of the Conference; and

(c) the reaction of Government to those suggestions?