

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR (a) to (d) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delay in Execution of Koel-Karo Project

5811, SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that NHPC has unduly delayed the work relating to the Koel-Karo Project handed over by the Government of Bihar by two work seasons; and

(b) whether Government propose to institute any enquiry for fixing responsibility for such delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The NHPC has completed all preparatory work and is ready to commence execution as soon as the investment decision is accorded by the Cabinet. There is however delay in according the investment sanction, as the Government of Bihar has not yet confirmed that no riparian rights would be infringed as a result of execution of the project, that would affect the interests of NHPC. The matter is being pursued vigorously with Government of Bihar.

Pollution at Sindri

5812. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a letter, under the caption "Pollution at Sindri" published in Dhanbad weekly "New Sketch" dated 23rd February, 1981; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH).

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of steps have been taken to identify the sources and extent of pollution from the Sindri Fertilizer plants and to take remedial action. Certain equipments such as Brink Mist Eliminator are being imported to control sulphur dioxide pollution. The multicyclones in the boiler plants have been renovated to reduce emission of fly ash. An oil separator tank has been installed to arrest slippage of oil. Further efforts are underway to bring down the pollutants to be within the prescribed standards.

मुजफ्फरपुर, दूरदर्शन केन्द्र से समाचारों का प्रसारण

5813. श्री राम बिलास पासवान : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुजफ्फरपुर दूरदर्शन केन्द्र से समाचारों का प्रसारण नहीं किया जाता है और यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और वहाँ से समाचार प्रसारित करने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार मुजफ्फरपुर दूरदर्शन केन्द्र को एक स्वायत्त केन्द्र के रूप में परिवर्तित करने का है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी कुमदजेन एम० जोशी) :

(क) मुजफ्फरपुर प्रेषण केन्द्र में स्टूडियो और निर्माण सुविधाओं के न होने के कारण वहाँ से दैनिक समाचार बुलेटिन टेलीकास्ट नहीं किये जाते। तथापि, एक साप्ताहिक