

the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited. There is no provision in the Central Sector of the Sixth Five Year Plan for this project.

The Government of West Bengal have proposed participation by the Central Government in the equity share capital of this project.

(c) and (d) The appraisal of the proposal has been taken up.

New Pricing Formula for Fertilizers

1441. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KOUCHACK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the fertilizer retention pricing formula, announced in July, 81 is likely to be modified to make it more attractive for investment;

(b) If so, whether talks were held between the fertilizer industry and the Department of Chemicals and Fertilizers in regard to the modification of the earlier policy;

(c) what are the main points of the modified formula; and

(d) whether it has been accepted by all?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b) No retention price formula was announced in July, 1981. The retention price scheme for indigenous fertilizers provides for fixing of retention prices for a specific pricing period. The present pricing period is expiring on the 31st March, 1982. The Department of Chemicals and Fertilizers have taken up the question of fixing fresh retention prices for the next pricing period commencing from 1st April, 1982. The representatives of the industry have made some representations in this behalf.

(c) and (d) Since no modified formula has been evolved, the question of its acceptance by all has not arisen.

Subsidence Problem in Raniganj

1442. SHRI AJIT BAG : SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received, a letter from M. P. dated 22nd October, 1981 regarding the services of a Polish expert for investigating the subsidence problem in Raniganj;

(b) if so, steps taken by Government thereon; and

(c) when the said team will be coming for survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of Poland has informed that an offer of a Polish firm for stabilisation of Raniganj has been brought to India and it will be submitted to the Government of India shortly. The visit of an expert can take place only after the offer is received and necessary formalities are completed.

Equipment for the Power Supply Programme in the Sixth Plan

1443. SHRI BALKRISHNA WASNAIK :

SHRI T. DAMODAR REDDY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the power expansion programme of 2000 MW additional capacity has been prepared to achieve during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government is sure that the BHEL and other suppliers shall stick to their schedule to supply power equipments; and

(c) if not, whether it is proposed to import power equipment and if so, the details in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) It is programmed to add capacity of 19666 MW during the Sixth Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) Close monitoring of the progress of on-going projects is being done by the Government. BHEL and other suppliers have been instructed to stick to their schedule for supply of power equipment. Every effort is being made for effecting supplies of equipments to the projects on time.

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1444. श्री जैनाल बशर :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में पिछले दो वर्षों में कितने सब-पोस्ट आफिस तथा ब्रांच पोस्ट आफिस ऐसे स्थानों