

acids or make sulphuric acid from sulphur bearing gases from smelter. Efforts are also made to use sulphur bearing minerals for making sulphuric acid.

Issue of licences for manufacture of TPA

9783. SHRI R.N. RAKESH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any letters of intent, industrial licences have been issued for manufacture of TPA-newer raw material for polyester fibre and polyester filament, if so, the details thereof giving the party-wise capacity, location, project cost ; and

(b) when the project(s) is/are expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance from I.L.O. in research work for fighting occupational hazards

9784. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether efforts have been made to undertake research work in the country to fight occupational hazards ;

(b) whether ILO has given assistance for this purpose ;

(c) if so, the details about the cost of the project introduced, if any; and

(d) the programme framed by Government for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Four ILO/UNDP. Projects comprising of training, fellowships, experts' ser-

vices ; and essential equipment components, with a total outlay of US Dollars 9,00,683, are in operation.

(d) Research Programmes relating to design and development of non-respiratory type of personal protective equipment such as protective clothing, gear and equipment, undertaking of intensive studies in industries where accident rates are high ; designing of appropriate training programmes and advising the managements on machine-guards etc. are already being undertaken, under the Plan Schemes, by the D.G., FASLI's Organisation.

Wide-Band Microwave Schemes to link Bangalore-Guntakal and Madras-Vijaywada

9785. SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS/ be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that wide-band microwave scheme to link the Bangalore-Guntakal and Madras-Vijaywada sections have been completed ; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the facilities going to be provided and the use with the new link ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. The radio and associated equipment is installed, in both the sections. The equipment is under performance observation in Bangalore-Guntakal section and equipment in Madras-Vijayawada section is at final stage of testing after which it will be put under performance observation. So far only part of the multiplex equipment have been installed in both these sections.

(b) Bangalore-Guntakal section is a part of Bangalore-Nagpur wideband microwave link and Madras-Vijayawada section is a part of Madras-Kharagpur wideband microwave link. These links from national artery routes, which would provide high grade circuits to number of stations in the country.