

**Completion of Power Projects**

2493. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of power projects which are in an advanced stage of completion;

(b) how soon each of them will be commissioned; and

(c) the measures taken to expedite completion of the other projects which have been under construction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). A statement showing the projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and are likely to be commissioned by the end of this year is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-8194/74.]

(c) (i) A close watch is being kept on the progress of construction of various power projects. A Central Monitoring Unit is being set up in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power so that any difficulties could be identified and corrective measures taken well in time.

(ii) Arrangements are being made for procurement of essential construction materials such as steel, cement, explosives and industrial gases.

(iii) It is further proposed to restructure the Electricity Supply Industry and improve the management of the State Electricity Boards and project execution.

**Directives to States for employment of S. C. and S. T. candidates in offices**

2494 SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the directives of the Central Government are being followed by the State Governments in the matter of recruitment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates in various offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): "State Public Services" is an Entry in the "State List" in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the services under the State Governments are, therefore the concern of the respective State Governments in terms of Article 335 read with Articles 16(4) and 12 of the Constitution. Hence, no directive or instruction in this regard can be issued by the Government of India to the State Governments and as such the question of the State Governments following the directive of the Central Government in this regard does not arise. However, the various instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time regarding reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been brought to the notice of all the State Governments also. Besides this, a gist of the various measures taken and the concessions allowed by the Central Government in this regard have been specifically brought to the notice of the State Governments with the request that they may review their measures/concessions and take such remedial action as necessary if they fell short of the measures taken by the Central Government relating to employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

**News item captioned 'Aluminium shortage hits Cable Units'**

2495. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in a Delhi Paper dated the 21st July, 1974 entitled, 'Aluminium shortage hits cable units'; and

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of its consequences?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Yes, Sir Remedial action has been taken to relieve the shortage specially for priority sectors, to the extent possible within the constraint of limited availability of the metal

**Inclusion of major river valley project of Orissa in Fifth Plan**

2496 SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether any major river valley project of Orissa has been included in the Fifth Five Year Plan, and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) (a) and (b) The State Government have not proposed to take up any new major irrigation project in the Fifth Plan

**Issue of import licence to Aerated Water Companies**

2497 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) the number of aerated water companies operating in India foreign or Indian who asked for import licence for the import of raw material during a period of one year ending 31st July, 1974,

(b) the names of such companies and the amount of licence asked for,

(c) the number of companies, foreign or Indian given licence for the import of raw material or soft drinks their value the names of the companies and the reasons for granting import licences and whether these raw materials were not available indigenously, and

(d) in case no Indian company has been granted a licence to import raw material the reasons therefor and whether their requests would be considered again with a view to promote Indian companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM) (a) to (d) The relevant information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

**Manufacture of new Telephone Instruments**

2498 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether a proposal is under the consideration of Government to manufacture a new type of telephone instrument in the near future,

(b) if so the extent to which the new device will be better and superior in various respects to the existing one

(c) the expected annual production of the new instrument and the extent to which the new instrument would meet the present requirements and

(d) how far it would be cheaper than the existing one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF SHER SINGH) (a) Yes by the Indian Telephone Industries Ltd Bangalore

(b) The new instrument is designed to give improved performance efficiency and reliability It will also facilitate ease of maintenance having improved type of components and construction technique

(c) It is expected that initial pilot production would start in 1975-76 with an estimated production of 50,000 instruments The production will increase in the subsequent years The