

know well that in many cases the States are unable to get resources because of which the construction of thermal power stations lags behind.

That has happened in the last Five-Year Plan. Will the Minister kindly make it clear how much of the resources are being generated indigenously, centrally and from the State separately and how much is coming from outside? In this context, what is the position of the Thermal Power Plant for which the West Bengal Government has got two offers from the foreign countries including one from the USSR?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : Is the hon. Member interested more in the last part of the question?

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, that is the crux.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : Or does he want a reply to the first part?

MR. SPEAKER : You can lay that on the Table of the House.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : We have all the details of generation, the break-up etc.; that has been given time and again and it is in the report also. But as far as Bakeshwar project is concerned, it is likely to be finalised very soon.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Which are the countries?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : That we cannot say.

MR. SPEAKER : Are you interested in the plant or the country?

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Both.

SHRI SARAT DEB : I want to know from the hon. Minister if during the 7th Plan, the Super Thermal Power Station coming up in Orissa has been sanctioned by the Central Government. If so, I would like to know whether it has been sent for the World Bank assistance. How much has the Centre given so far and how much are they expecting from the World Bank and when?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : As far as Talcher project is concerned it has been sanctioned and the amount expected in the 7th Plan for the project is about Rs. 457 crores. This is being offered to the World Bank for World Bank funding and we are awaiting decision of the World Bank as to how much amount they will be giving to us.

[Translation]

Suggestion to declare entire Punjab as Industrially Backward

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SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' of 9 April, 1986 to the effect that entire Punjab should be declared as industrially backward area;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether setting up of more industries in Punjab will result in providing more employment in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

Development of industries in a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplements their efforts by way of financial incentives and concessions for setting up industries in the identified backward areas.