

Pollution on account of DESU's Fly Ash Pond in East Delhi

1170. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the photo report in the Hindustan Times of the 6th June, 1991 entitled "Darkness at noon" regarding pollution on account of fly ash from DESU fly ash pond near Nizamuddin bridge in East Delhi.

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that this incident coincided with the observance of the "International Environment Day";

(c) whether action has been initiated against DESU; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to initiate action against DESU for this hazardous pollution of the environment by the constant dispersal of fly ash discharged from its power house?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken up the matter regarding management of fly ash in an environmentally sound manner with the DESU and Delhi Administration.

Increase in non-developmental expenditure in States

1171. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the non-developmental expenditure of States increased during the last year;

(b) if so, what is the extent of such increase; and

(c) what remedial steps are proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The non-developmental expenditure of all States increased from Rs. 19,806.1 crores (Revised Estimate) in 1989-90 to Rs. 24,285.3 crores (Budget Estimate) in 1990-91 showing an increase of 22.61 per cent.

(c) In order to contain increase in non-developmental expenditure of the States the Planning Commission has been emphasising during the course of the discussions with the State Governments the need for reducing the growth of non-developmental expenditure and for taking suitable economy measures. However, it is for the State Governments to contain their increase in non-developmental expenditure by taking various economy measure. The steps reported to have been taken by some of the State Governments for reducing their growth in non-developmental expenditure include restriction on purchase of vehicles, control on petrol consumption, ban on creation of new posts, restriction of expenditure on telephones, etc.

Irregularities in the appointment of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of British India Corporation Limited

1172. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prescribed procedures for appointment of Chief Executive in Public Sector were not followed in appointing the present Chairman-cum-Managing Director of British India Corporation Limited; and

(b) if so, the date on which the approval of the Appointment Committee of Cabinet was received by his Ministry regarding the above appointment?