

10,000 MWe power programme is estimated at Rs. 13,900 crores based on 1983 price level.

U.S. State Department's study on India

*97. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report about U.S. State Department study to find out how unstable India would become if Shrimati Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister was to die suddenly;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the manuscripts/copies of the publication were made available to the Indian Embassy for being forwarded to the Government of India;

(d) if so, when were they made available and when they were received in India; and

(e) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) The Government of India are aware that the U.S. State Department had commissioned Robert L. Hardgrave, who is Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin, to prepare a study on likely trends in social, political and foreign policies in India in the next five years. The political situation in India envisaged in the event of Smt. Gandhi's sudden death is one of the several scenarios discussed in the study.

(b) Government find the chapter which predicted on Smt. Indira Gandhi's sudden death totally adherent. Indeed it raises many questions which are being examined.

(c) to (e) Our Consul General in San Francisco received from Prof. Hardgrave a part of the draft manuscript in September 1983. A part of the final manuscript was received by

our Embassy in Washington from Prof. Hardgrave by post in the first week of March, 1984. The remaining portion followed after about a week. A copy of the manuscript was sent by the Embassy routinely to the Ministry on March 12, 1984.

Unfortunately, the manuscript was not studied thoroughly at the time. We are looking into the lapses that have occurred in this regard. Meanwhile, we are also taking steps to prevent their occurrence in the future.

Also, in the light of subsequent events, the Government are examining the circumstances of the commissioning of this study and its implications.

Production of iodised salt

*98. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study group constituted with a view to increasing the production of iodised salt has submitted its report to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recruitment of jawans from the Kashmir Valley for B.S.F. & C.R.P.F.

*99. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of jawans and officers who were recruited from the Kashmir Valley in B.S.F. and C.R.P.F. during the last three years keeping in view the large number of educated unemployed and the minimal employment opportunities in the valley?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): During the last three years, 93 candidates