

निये जनवरी, 1974 में एक अन्तर-मंत्रालय समिति नियुक्त की थी ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि अन्तर-मंत्रालय समिति ने मार्च, 1974 में अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत किया था जिसमें उसने पहली अप्रैल, 1974 से कोयले के मूल्यों को बढ़ाने की सिफारिश की थी ;

(ग) क्या आर्थिक नीतियों संबंधी मंत्रिमंडलीय समिति ने प्रस्ताव को पिछली नारीख से अर्थात् 1 अप्रैल, 1974 से लागू करने के लिये 25 मई को अपनी मंजूरी दी थी ;

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो कोयला कंपनियों को इस सम्भावित मूल्यवृद्धि का पूर्व संकेत क्यों नहीं दिया गया। जिसके कारण उनके द्वारा पहले ही बेंच दिये गये कोयले पर बड़ा हुआ मूल्य नहीं लिया जा सका ;

(ङ) इस कारण कुल कितनी हानि हुई ; और

(च) क्या इस हानि के लिये किसी को जिम्मेदार ठहराया गया है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गणेश शंकर सिन्हा) : (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) में (च) अन्तर-मंत्रालीय समिति की रिपोर्ट मंत्रिमंडल के कागजात बन गई जो गोपनीय होते हैं। मंत्रिमंडल के कार्यवृत्त भी गोपनीय होते हैं। चूंकि सरकार के अन्तिम निर्णय का पूर्व अनुमान लगाना संभव नहीं था अतः कोयला कंपनियों को इस संबंध में कोई भी पूर्व सूचना देने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Preference to Indigenous Technique in Power Generation

1141. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHALPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government give preference to indigenous industries

against foreign technical know-how and foreign companies in the matter of power generation.

(b) if so, whether this policy is followed while issuing global tender notices; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, how Government propose to avoid complication later when in case of global tenders preference is shown to indigenous industries against foreign companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Primary reliance continues to be on indigenous sources for procurement of power equipment.

(b) and (c) Under the Present import policy of the Government, State Electricity Boards are permitted to float global tenders for power equipment irrespective of whether some of the equipment are manufactured indigenously or not. The selection of suppliers on the basis of such global tenders, foreign or Indian, is subject to scrutiny by a Committee set up in the Department of Heavy Industry, which takes into consideration all the relevant factors. Further import of generating equipment is resorted to selectively in cases where the project is tied up for assistance from World Bank or bilateral or multilateral assistance.

Internal Audit of Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited

1142 SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various irregularities of a serious nature and misuse of fund have been pointed out in Internal Audit report, submitted by Assam Petrochemicals Limited Internal Audit Cell a few months

(b) what are the reasons for not placing that internal audit report in the meeting of the Board of Directors, though the report was submitted some months back;

(c) whether it is a fact that Shri C. V. Krishnaiah Company Secretary of Assam Petroleum Chemicals had resigned from the said company and also the internal audit cell;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for his resignation;

(e) whether it is a fact that the internal audit cell and its office of the Assam Petroleum Chemicals Limited was shifted from the registered office at Gauhati to Namrup recently; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R. C. RATH): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Problems in Power Sector

1143. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI SHRIDHAR WASUDEO DHABE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had stated that most of the problems facing Central Power Sector today were caused by the managerial deficiencies and failure; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the changes proposed to be effected in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fake Gas Companies/Distributors in the Capital

1144. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK:
SHRI RAM NARESH
KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the marketing of spurious gas cylinders in the Capital by some fake dealers posing as gas companies/ recognised distributors; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in affirmative, what action has been taken in this regard and whether Government have any machinery to ensure that only genuine and authorised gas dealers market gas cylinders and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Except one case where a person unauthorisedly posed as an Indian Oil Corporation (POC) distributor no gas supplies were actually made.

(b) LPG supplies are made by oil companies only to their authorised distributors. The oil companies also take all precautions to see that only cylinders which are certified by ISI are procured from approved manufacturers. The oil companies through their field organisations and the Police are vigilant to see that no unauthorised distribution of LPG takes place.

Appointments in Bharat Coking Coal Ltd

1145. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item captioned 'Some posts in BCCL auctioned' which appeared in the Times of India dated the 25th September 1982 to the effect that certain posts in Bha-