

Tuticorin and Baroda Heavy Water Plants

1598. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of work done at the Tuticorin and Baroda Heavy Water Plants in 1981-82; and

(b) what are the results of the investigations carried out into the causes of strikes at these two plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) The Heavy Water Projects at Tuticorin and Baroda are both operational and had functioned at the level of 50 per cent and 63.75 per cent of stream factor respectively during 1981-82. In turn they had attained a production of about 47 per cent and 41 per cent respectively of the targets fixed for the year.

(b) There was no strike at the Heavy Water Plant, Baroda, but the employees of the Tuticorin Plant had gone on strike in 1979, because of inter-union rivalry. Due to continued labour unrest and the agitational approach of the workers; the Managements of these Plants were forced to declare lockout of the Plants for short duration in 1979 in the case of Tuticorin Plant and in 1982 in the case of Baroda Plant. Situation at both these plants are since normal and the cause of the strike/lockout is attributable to inter-union rivalry; industrial disputes etc.

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Manufacture of Indigenous Electronic Goods

1599. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that research work is being done to manufacture indigenous electronic goods;

(b) if so; the details thereof; and

(c) if not; the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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1600. SHRI SURESH SHAMRAO KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Electronics Component Industries Association have strongly opposed the import of colour TV sets on the ground that any relaxation in the import of finished sets would be detrimental to the growth of the entire electronics industry; and

(b) if so; what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Chemical Pollution along the River Luni in Rajasthan

1601. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any reports about the increasing incidents of chemical pollution along the River Luni in Rajasthan;