

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Uttar Pradesh Electricity Board and the National Thermal Power Corporation have been allowed to install 200 MW units at Anapara and Kota, respectively, on the Singrauli Coalfields; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The Project Report for 2x500 MW Vindhya-chal (Singrauli) Thermal Power Station based on Singrauli coalfields was submitted by the M.P. State Electricity Board in January, 1979. The project report was examined in Central Electricity Authority and MPEB were requested to establish the economic viability of the construction of a dam on the river Mear for cooling water purposes and also to depute their Engineers to the Central Electricity Authority to discuss and sort out certain civil engineering aspects of the project. The discussion has not yet taken place. In July 1980, MPEB have proposed to shift the site further east of NTPC site to take advantage of better cooling water facilities. This change has to be examined further. The detailed coal linkage from the point of view of mine development, quality, transportation and supply in a particular time-frame for this project has not yet been established and the project also remains to be cleared from environmental angle.

(b) The feasibility report for installation of Kota (Singrauli) Super Thermal Power Station as a Central Sector Project was prepared in December 1974. The project report for Anpara Thermal Power Station was submitted by U.P. State Electricity Board in July 1977. Both these projects were techno-economically appraised in the Central Electricity Authority when the necessary inputs such as availability of land, water, coal and its transportation were tied up in consultation with the concerned Ministries. On the basis of the techno-economic clearance of Sing-

rauli Kota) STPS (3x210 MW) and Anpara TPS (3x210 MW) by CEA, the projects were sanctioned by the Planning Commission in February 1977 and January 1979 respectively. The execution of Kota (Singrauli) STPS has been entrusted to the National Thermal Power Corporation.

Talks with Czechoslovak leaders for cooperation in the field of cinema

145. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he held any talks with the Czechoslovak leaders on the subject of cooperation in the field of cinema; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussions with the Czechoslovak leaders reviewed the co-operation in cultural and media sectors and under-scored the importance of concrete action-oriented approach in the matter of cultural exchange between India and Czechoslovakia. In the field of Cinema, the need for enlarging the scope of co-operation in exchange and purchase of films, particularly children's films, holding of film weeks, participation in film festivals and co-production of films was stressed. These aspects would be suitably reflected in the coming 1981-84 Cultural Exchange Protocol between the two countries.

Shortage of cooking coal

146. SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of cooking coal in Delhi for the past one