

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether any agreement bet-v. 2 n India and France has been reached in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. France has indicated its willingness to help India in developing Coal deposits. Proposals have been received from a French Company for assistance in developing three mining projects.

(b) to (d) There are also agreements "for research and development in the field of nuclear power production, and renewable energies, like solar energy, wind energy etc.

A nuclear power station is in an advanced stage of construction at Kalpakkam and two heavy water plants have been set up with France assistance. Central Electricity Authority and Electricite de France have identified several areas 'for collaboration in the field of generation and transmission of electricity. EDF France have recently sent a proposal to Central Electricity Authority for providing assistance in the field of Tidal Power Development.

Losses incurred by IPCL

394. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Petro-Chemicals Limited has run into serious difficulties and is incurring huge losses because of indiscriminate import of items produced by this plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Chairman and Managing Director had brought to the notice of Government that current level of imports of acrylic fibre would have an adverse impact on Indian Petro-Chemicals Limited's production plan;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to have a fresh look at the im-

port policy and excise duty relief to improve the financial position of IPCL; and

what other steps Government have taken or propose to take to re-move the financial crisis in IPCL"

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Coal requirement of consumers

395. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total stock of coal at present at different pit-heads in the coal mines; and what is the production target fixed for the current year; and

(b) whether there has been any shortfall in the production of coal in the recent months, if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The pithead stock of coal in India as on 1st June, 1980 is estimated at 14.30 million tonnes. The production target for 1980-81 is 113.50 million tonnes.

(b) The coal production target for April 1980 was achieved. However, there was a marginal shortfall in the target in the month of May mainly because of the shortage of power in the Eastern Region.

Withholding of election results of Assembly in Bihar

396. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:

SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the election results of some Assembly

Constituencies in Bihar were withheld for two-three days after counting was over; and

(b) if so, what are the names of constituencies where the declarations were held back and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The declaration of results of some constituencies was withheld by the Returning Officers concerned for a few days.

(b) A statement showing the names of constituencies where the declarations were held back and the reasons therefor, is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix CXIV, Annexure.No. 33],

Setting up a drug manufacturing- plant in Kerala

397. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to set up a drug manufacturing plant in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) While the Central Government have no proposals to set up a drug unit in Kerala, they have approved proposals put up by Kerala State Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited for establishment of manufacturing units for Vitamin 'A' and Aspirin.

398. [Transferred to the 19th June, 1980].

Setting up of Doordarshan Centre at Cooch Behar

399. SHRI JAHARLAL BANERJEE-

SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Doordarshan Centre at Cooch Behar in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, by when the Centre is likely to be set up there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to set up a Doordarshan Kendra at Cooch Behar in West Bengal. However, in order to expand the service range of Calcutta TV Centre towards the industrial areas, a TV Relay Centre at Asansol is proposed to be established. A scheme to set up a TV Relay Transmitter at Murshidabad has also been approved.

Schemes for development of folk songs of North Bengal

400. SHRI JAHARLAL BANERJEE: SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to draw up a comprehensive scheme, for development of folk songs of North Bengal through All India Radio Centres at Calcutta and Siliguri;

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

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) AIR has prepared a scheme for the collection and preservation of the folk music of various important regions in India. The scheme relates to streamlining the system of collection and indexing of folk music already in possession of various AIR Stations and to collect periodical folk music from heretofore unexplored regions of