

Name of Project	State	Expenditure incurred upto 31-3-79 (Rs. in crores)	Expected date of Commissioning
Nagaland Pulp and Paper Project	Nagaland	41.36	December, 1979
Kerala Newsprint Project	Kerala	68.40	December, 1979
Nowgong Pulp & Paper Project	Assam	18.72	December, 1980
Techar Pulp & Paper Project	Assam	11.74	December, 1981

(b) to (d) Government approval was given in March 1977 for the setting up of Nowgong Pulp and Paper Project (Jagi Eoad) Assam. The progress made in the implementation of this Project is as under:

(i) Site levelling and grading in the main plant area is complete to the extent of about 80 per cent.

(ii) Construction work of workshop, stores and township building has been awarded.

(iii) Piling for foundation of production and auxiliary buildings is expected to start soon.

(iv) Other infrastructural facilities like roads railway siding, is being developed.

(v) Orders for plant and machinery worth Rs. 45 crores have already been placed by March, 1979.

The actual expenditure incurred up-to the end of 1978 was Rs. 16.24 crores against the approved total capital cost of Rs. 114.25 crores. This project is expected to be commissioned by December 1980.

(e) Apart from projects implemented by Hindustan Paper Corporation in North Eastern Region, M/s. Ashok Paper Mills, a Joint Venture of Assam and Bihar Governments have set up a paper Plant in Assam.

Visit by India by four-member Soviet Scientists' Team

•131, SHRI; CHADALAVAD, VENKAT ARAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that a four-member Soviet scientists' team visited India in the third week of February 1979;

(b) if so, what was the main purpose of their visit; and

(c) what is the nature of discussion held with the visiting team and what is the outcome thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHE MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c) Two teams of Soviet scientists visited India during the third week of February, 1979. One of these teams consisted of 3 Information Scientists (out of the scheduled 4-member team) visited during 19-23 February, 1979. The purpose of the visit was to identify specific areas and means of cooperation between India and USSR in the field of Information Sciences. Based on discussions, a Protocol was signed providing for exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation, exchange of specialised training of information scientists, organisation of joint seminars and workshops, etc.

Another 4-member Soviet team on Magneto-hydrodynamic Power Generation (MHD) also visited India from 17th February to 2nd March, 1979, and discussed the progress of the Indian MHD Programme. A Protocol outlining further steps in Indo-Soviet cooperation in this area was signed on the occasion.

*132. [Transferred to the 18th May, 1979]

Full time Head of the CSIR

*133. SHRI S. KUMARAN:

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB
BURMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is no full time head of the C.S.I.R.; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a full-time head for CSIR?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b) The posts of Secretary, Department of Science and Technology and Director-General, CSIR have been combined and Prof. N. G. K. Menon has been appointed against this combined post. Consequently the question of separately filling up the post of Director-General, CSIR does not arise.

Memorandum to Police Commissioner from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital Employees' Union

*134. SHRI YOGENDRA
MAKWANA:

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM
KHAN: SHRI IBRAHIM
KALANIYA:

Will the Minister of 'HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police Commissioner has received a letter from the President of Sir Ganga Ram Hos-

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pital Employees Union dated the 15th April, 1979 in connection with atrocities committed by the police on Harijan women and others on the 14th April, 1979;

(b) if so, whether they have demanded immediate dismissal and arrest of the said Police officials for misbehaviour with Harijan women;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative what action has been taken against the said police officials; and

(d) what protection has been given to Harijan employees and Harijan women against recurrence of such incidents in the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL), (a) Yes, Sir. The Police Commissioner received a complaint from the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital Employees Union in which it has been alleged that two members of the Union on hunger strike were forced by the S. H. O., Rajinder Nagar and other police officials to end the hunger strike. It was also alleged that the police officials misbehaved with some other members of the Union and Harijan women who were looking after the hunger strikers.

(b) Yes, Sir. A demand was made in the complaint for dismissal and arrest of these police officials.

(c) An enquiry into the allegation has been ordered by the Police Commissioner.

(d) A regular police picket has been posted at the hospital to prevent any further incidents. Women police have also been posted for dealing with the women strikers.