

### Equalisation of freight in respect of cotton and oil seeds

1143. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR:

SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY:

SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the equalisation of freight in respect of cotton and oil seeds in order to compensate the loss of locational advantages to many industrial units in the Eastern Region on that account; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### Expansion of power industry under private sector

1144. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand the power industry under the private sector; and

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

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under Government's consideration to expand the power industry in the private

sector. However, proposals for expansion of existing licensees in the private sector are considered in terms of the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 keeping in view the expediency of adding capacity to meet the requirements of power in specific areas.

### Landing of a Pakistani Air Force aircraft near Faridkot

1145. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN:

SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pakistani Air Force aircraft was forced to land near Faridkot in Punjab on the 23rd September, 1977; and

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

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) A Pakistan Air Force aircraft force-landed near Faridkot on 23rd September 1977.

(b) On 23rd September 1977, a Pakistan Air Force Cessna aircraft was unable to land at Lahore or any other airfield in Pakistan in the vicinity of Lahore due to inclement weather conditions. As the aircraft did not have enough fuel, the Pakistan authorities had requested permission for diverting this aircraft to Amritsar airfield in the Indian territory.

As is the normal practice in such emergencies, permission was given for this aircraft to cross over into Indian airspace for landing at Amritsar or any other airfield in the vicinity. However, due to shortage of fuel, this aircraft had to force-land about 10 kilometers north-west of Faridkot.