

†[Corporations for silk industry

1461. SHRI RAJNARAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up two corporations for the development of silk industry;

(b) if so, the estimated amount to be spent thereon; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue to the silk industry as a result thereof?

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उप-मंत्री (श्री ज़िआउर रहमान अन्सारी):  
(क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग): प्रश्न ही नहीं  
उठते।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-  
MENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.]

Industrial licences for West Bengal

1462. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the 'Economic Times' of 8th June, 1974 that 40 industrial licences for West Bengal have been rejected on flimsy grounds;

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

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the Press report in question did not furnish any details of the 40 cases referred to in it, it has not been possible to identify them. It may, however, be stated that

special attention is given to applications for industrial licences from the Eastern region including West Bengal and that in all cases of rejection, the applicants are given an opportunity for representation before final orders are issued. No application is rejected on flimsy grounds.

Power from Nuclear Power Stations

1463. SHRI RISHI KUMAR MISRA:

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is poor power supply from nuclear power stations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that whereas the nuclear power stations are controlled by the Central Government, the transmission lines are administered by the State Electricity Boards thereby hampering the distribution of power to neighbouring States; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Considering that the two nuclear power stations in the country, in commercial operation, are both first of their kind, the power supply from them cannot be considered poor. The position is expected to improve further in due course. There are certain technical problems on account of inadequacy of transmission circuits and other facilities and these are being attended to. The question of satisfactory transmission of power from the nuclear power stations has been taken up with the concerned State Electricity Board.

Failure of Telephone Installed near the Control Tower for Atomic Device in Rajasthan

1464. SHRI RISHI KUMAR MISRA:

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

DR. V. B. SINGH:

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a field telephone was installed near the control tower in Rajasthan when the atomic device was exploded in Rajasthan desert;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the telephone was found out of order at the time when the news of successful experiment was to be communicated to the Prime Minister; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken against the persons responsible for that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) No field telephone was installed by the P&T authorities at the said site.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise.

#### Kudremuk Iron Ore Project

1465. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government have forwarded to the Central Government detailed plan whereby Kudremuk Iron Ore Project Authority could come forward to finance the diversion of the Chakra and Savehakkulu rivers into the Lingannakki reservoir;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have accorded sanction; and

(c) whether the Kudremuk Iron Ore Project Authority has been advised to finance the diversion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) It has been proposed that Chakra and Savehakkulu diversion schemes may be financed by the Kudremuk Iron Ore Project. The scheme report has been received in July, 1974 and it is likely to be considered by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Power Projects shortly.

#### Distribution of Raw Material

1466. SHRI B. S. SHEKHAWAT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to faulty distribution of indigenous raw material in the private sector, small scale industries in the country are facing economic crisis and are forced to close their units; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b) While small scale industries continue to be in need of increased quantities of indigenous raw materials, the overall position has improved. For instance, the allocation of steel for small scale industries has increased over the years as follows:—

1971-72	•	•	162000 tonnes
1972-73	•	•	299000 „
1973-74	•	•	425000 „

Certain raw materials have been brought under a system of informal control with a view to ensuring availability of raw materials to small scale units. Under this system raw materials are allotted in bulk to Directors of Industries who in turn make unit-wise allocations. Efforts are being made to bring more and more items under a system of informal control. Further the national census of small scale units already in progress will help in elimination of units which exist only on paper. This will enable genuine units to get an increased allocation of raw materials.

#### परिवहन सहायता योजना

1467. श्री भैरों सिंह शेखावत: क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: