

Setting up Thermal Plants by D.V.C.

*646. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Damodar Valley Corporation propose to set up three thermal plants shortly, if so, by when;

(b) whether there is any dispute on the issue of control of these plants between West Bengal and Bihar; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government for the settlement of the dispute ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) The Damodar Valley Corporation has submitted the following three schemes :

Name of scheme	Estimated cost (Rs. crores)
1. Chandrapura thermal power station Extn.-6th unit (1 × 120 MW)	19.95
2. Durgapur thermal power station Extn.-4th unit (1 × 200 MW)	37.80
3. Bokaro 'B' thermal power station (3 × 200 MW)	112.00

The Chandrapura thermal power station Extension scheme has already been sanctioned by the Planning Commission and the unit is expected to be commissioned during 1976-77.

The Durgapur thermal power station Extension scheme has been cleared by the Advisory Committee on irrigation, flood control and power projects. Formal approval of the Planning Commission is awaited. The unit expected to be commissioned in 1978-79.

The Bokaro 'B' thermal power station scheme is at present under technical scrutiny.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Memorandum regarding reduction in siding charges at Porbandar Port

647. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:

SHRI Y. M. MAKWANA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the industries regarding reduction in siding charges at Porbandar Port; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Conversion of Howrah-Amta Railway Line into Broad Gauge

648. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made for the conversion of Howrah-Amta railway line into broad gauge line ; and

(b) by when it will be completed for rail traffic ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for the construction of a railway between Howrah & Amta as a Broad Gauge was sanctioned in February, 1973, and the survey is now in progress. A decision regarding the construction of this line will be taken after the survey is completed, and the financial arrangements for participation by the West Bengal Government are sorted out. In view of this, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the date by which the line will be completed.