

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b) A Committee of Ministers constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh is presently reviewing the programmes taken up for providing irrigation, power and drinking water facilities in Himalayan region and for recommend-

ing suitable measures for extending these facilities. The report of the Committee is under finalisation.

According to the data made available by the State Governments to this Committee, the position of irrigation in the hilly areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh is as follows: —

(Area in '000 hec.)

Sl. No.	State	Net sown area	Net Irrigation area			Possible additional irrigation from schemes to be taken up in future plans including link irrigation upto 300 ft.
			Beginning of 4th Plan	During the 4th Plan	Total	
1	Jammu & Kashmir	703	279	36	315	70
2	Himachal Pradesh	550	92	10	102	200
3	Uttar Pradesh	828	109	52	161	200
4	West Bengal	102	23	5	28	10
5	Arunachal Pradesh	22	12.5	3	15.5	20

NYLON YARN PROJECT

1379. SHRI SANDA NARAYAN-APPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a nylon yarn project has been sanctioned by Government;

(b) if so, when and to whom a letter of intent was issued in this respect;

(c) whether the letter of intent

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has been granted to a State Government; if so, why the work has not yet been started; and

(d) the time by which the work will be started and what is its estimated cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) 13 letters of intent have been issued in 1971 and 1972 to State Industrial Development Corporations for setting up new units each of a capacity of 2100 tonnes |

annum of nylon filament yarn. Details are given below:—

Name of the State Corporation	Date of issue of Letter of Intent
1. Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad.	28-12-71
2. Mysore State Industrial Investment & Development Corporation Ltd., Bangalore.	29-12-71
3. The Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Trivandrum	29-12-71
4. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Chandigarh.	29-12-71
5. Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Madras	29-12-71
6. Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Shillong	29-12-71
7. The Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd., Bhubaneswar.	29-12-71
8. Bihar State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Patna.	29-12-71
9. Haryana State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Chandigarh	29-12-71
10. Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Ahmedabad	29-12-71
11. M. P. Audyogik Vikas Nigam Ltd., Bhopal	29-12-71
12. West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Calcutta.	11-7-72
13. The U.P. State Industrial Corporation Ltd., Kanpur	26-7-72

These State Corporations have started taking preliminary steps in implementing the projects. Some of them have chosen the parties they will be collaborating with financially and others have submitted their foreign technical collaboration proposals.

Certain aspects of these projects, pertaining to the need for import of foreign technology and the advantage of having a Central Polymerisation unit, are also under review in Government. A final view is likely to be taken on these matters shortly.

The capital cost of each of the abovementioned 2100 tonnes/annum Nylon Filament yarn project is estimated to be Rs. 8 crores.

In addition to these new projects, the following parties have been granted expansion in their capacity for manufacture of nylon filament yarn in 1971 and 1972.

(in tonnes/annum)

Name of the Party	From	To
1. M/s. Nirlon Synthetic Fibres & Chemicals Ltd. Bombay	2520	4200*
2. M/s. Garware Nylons Ltd. Bombay	2000	4200*
3. M/s. Modipon Ltd. Modinagar	2200	4200*
4. M/s. J.K. Synthetics Ltd., Kanpur	1760	
5. M/s. Gujarat Polyamides Ltd., Bombay		

*Includes capacity for manufacture of 360 tonnes/annum of Polyester filament yarn. Therefore the capacity of nylon yarn is 3840 tonnes/annum.

(RELAXATION ON IMPORT OF POWER EQUIPMENT

127. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to relax the ban on the import of power equipment;

(b) if so, the reasons for this decision; and

(c) its effect on the foreign exchange position of the country?

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