

AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Assam Oil Company to reduce the price of petroleum products of that Company;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the Company's proposal; and

(c) whether the Government of Assam was consulted in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). The negotiations with the Company are still in progress.

(c) Government of India and Government of Assam have been in correspondence on this subject generally and if any further consultation is necessary. Government of India will certainly consult the Government of Assam.

MANUFACTURE OF INDUSTRIAL EXPLOSIVES

*374. SHRIMATI PUSHPALATA DAS: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a State-owned project for the manufacture of industrial explosives in the country; and

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in that direction?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) and (b). Some schemes for the manufacture of industrial explosives in India are under consideration, but none of them has been finalised.

INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS SERVED BY THE BOKARO POWER STATION AND THE KUMARDHUBI POWER WORKS

*376. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the names of the localities and industries concerns served respectively by the Bokaro Power Station and the Kumardhubi Power Works of the Damodar Valley Corporation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): The Bokaro Power

Station of the D. V. C. supplies power to the following principal consumers:—

1. Chittranjan Locomotive works, Chittranjan, Burdwan (West Bengal).
2. Dishergarh Power Supply Co., Ltd., Dishergarh, Burdwan (West Bengal).
3. Associated Power Co., Ltd., Seebpur, Burdwan (West Bengal).
4. Sijua (Jherriah) Electric Supply Co., Ltd., Loyabad, Manbhum (Bihar).
5. The Indian Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., Kulti, Burdwan (West Bengal).
6. Government of Bihar for Badjua and Ganeshpur towns in Manbhum (Bihar).

The Kumardhubi Power House supplies power exclusively for the construction works of the Maithon Dam Project and Panchet Hill Dam project of the D. V. C.

PRODUCTION IN THE MILL TEXTILE INDUSTRY

*377 DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of production in the textile mills during the current year;

(b) the various factors contributing to the variation in production, if any, during the current year as compared to previous years; and

(c) the extent to which the production is keeping pace with consumption?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Council showing figures of production since the beginning of this year.

(b) Since the variation of production shows an upward trend, it can be