

technological issues encountered during the manufacture and erection process have already been solved and most of the support systems for commissioning have been successfully completed. To monitor the project, a system of multi-tier review, monitoring and control mechanism has been instituted.

(c) The project is in advanced stage of construction. Presently, the project has achieved a physical progress of 96% till November, 2013. The total fund utilised as on 30th November, 2013 is Rs. 4362.33 crore for both PFBR and pre-project activities of FBR 1&2. The scheduled criticality date for PFBR is September, 2014 and for commercial operation it is March, 2015.

Relaxation for American company

†778. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to relax the rules relating to compensation prescribed in Section 17(b) of Nuclear Civil Liability Act, for an American company, Westing House Corp;

(b) if so, whether Government has acceded to the request of the company;

(c) whether Government has already provided the relaxation, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would also consider to grant similar relaxations to other companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Rare earth in the country

779. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has the State-wise data regarding the total quantity of rare earths available in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has plan to scientifically mine the rare earths for the purpose of producing value added products, if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.