40

Sl. No.	Industrial Unit	Status and reasons
15.	Electronic signal production unit at New Coochbehar.	It is PPP work. Railway land measuring 177mx274m (approx. 12 acres) has been earmarked by N.F. Railway for the factory. Consultancy was awarded to RITES for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). RITES has submitted Draft Production Plan as part I of DPR.
16.	2x660 Mega Watt Railways' captive, coal based thermal power plant at Adra, District Prurulia, in joint venture with National Thermal Power Corporation.	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Railways and National Thermal Power Corporation. The project is yet to be sanctioned as coal for this plant has not been allocated.

Starred Questions

Action plan for PDS in the event of drought and heavy rainfall

- *451. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is prepared to overcome drought and flood situation if it happens due to deficit and heavy rainfall, respectively, in different parts of the country; and
- (b) if so, the action plan of Government for Public Distribution System (PDS) in such a situation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is adequate availability of foodgrains in the country. As on 16.7.2014, Government has a stock of 201.51 lakh tons of rice and 391.55 lakh tons of wheat in the Central Pool compared to buffer norms of 118 lakh tons and 201 lakh tons respectively. In the wake of natural calamities including drought and flood, Government allocates foodgrains to the States/Union Territories at Minimum Support Prices (MSP) on receipt of requests. So far, during the current year request for additional foodgrains for natural calamity has only been received from Assam to whom 35,000 tons of rice has already been allocated.