

Central Task Force For BRPL Yet To Submit Report

From Our Correspondent prepared project report for BONGAIGAON, Dec 26—utilising the entire quantity of The Central Task Force, headed by Sri P. B. Vohra, Secretary, Department of Petroleum, Government of India, which was set in October 1980 with the work of exploring and exploiting the possibilities of downstream industrial development from BRPL projects, and which was to submit its report after completing its deliberation within six months time from the date of setting up, has not yet completed and submitted its report.

As per composition of the Task Force, the Government of Assam has to nominate two representatives. Accordingly the Government of Assam nominated Dr. Prahlad Kumar Barua and the Secretary Department of Industries as Assam Government nominees to the Task Force. The setting up of a task force in pursuance of the request of Assam Government might be fruitful had the Government of Assam put their utmost effort in providing necessary data and particulars to the force for formulating its recommendation. It is however feared that the existing nominees to the Task Force may not suggest anything fruitful as none of them are technically qualified, it is learnt.

The prime responsibilities to take initiative to establish downstream industries based on BRPL products is of the AIDC. If the BRPL products come out as per schedule in 1983-84, then it is high time all arrangements were completed in right earnest because the modern and sophisticated textile machineries are not easily and readily available. At least two to three years may be required for supplying the machineries after placing order etc.

Some time back the AIDC gave publicity that it has

prepared project report for utilising the entire quantity of polyester staple fibre as per 1978-79 prices. It was also revealed that by the AIDC that after updating as per present market value they will initiate action to establish the required number of spinning mills. But it is feared that all these plans have been shelved due to lack of dynamic technical leadership to head the AIDC at present.

There is also huge prospect for consumption of polyester fibre in a huge quantity to produce polyester blended fibre by handlooms and powerlooms. As the production of polyester plant of BRPL is expected to start from 1983-84 there is still time to set up powerlooms and handlooms complexes which may also consume huge quantities of polyester and polyester blended yarns.

The latest meeting of the Task Force was held on November 30 at New Delhi.

It is suggested by knowledgeable circle that under the dynamic leadership of Central Petroleum Ministry if downstream industries based on BRPL products are established in Assam as Government of India undertakings to contribute towards the removal of industrial backwardness of Assam this will be a boon to the prospective local spinning mills of Assam.

In this connection it is suggested that the responsibility of CMD of BRPL, Sri R. R. Verma is not the least. One of basic objectives establishing BRPL is to contribute to the infra-structural development of the State. Therefore CMD of BRPL has to publish the technical data and other information of the BRPL products so that the people of Assam may be aware about the probable downstream products of BRPL.

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