

They have taken a loan from the World Bank. I want to know the rate of interest.

**Shri Alagesan:** The IDA credits carry no rate of interest, but they carry service charge of 3/4 to 1 per cent. per annum and that is payable to the IDA in order to enable it to meet the administrative expenses. The principal itself is to be repaid in a period of fifty years.

**श्री तुलसीदास जाधव :** पूर्ण प्रोजेक्ट का काम कहाँ तक पहुँचा है और वह कब तक पूरा होगा ?

**Shri Alagesan:** It will be completed by March, 1966, that is, by the end of the Third Plan.

#### Soviet-Aided Thermal Plants in India

\*655. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the timely execution of four major Soviet-aided thermal power stations in the Third Plan has been ensured;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a proposal for sending Indian technicians to Moscow for training in the operation of the Plants; and

(c) if so, the number thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri O. V. Alagesan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A suggestion has been made by the Russian authorities to this effect.

(c) The number will be decided in due course according to the needs of each project.

**Shri Basumatari:** May I know whether it is a fact that the technical personnel who were sent abroad, especially to Russia, are not given the full training and they are kept in a water-tight compartment?

**Shri Alagesan:** It is not correct. In fact, they themselves suggested that we should send our personnel for

training in operation and maintenance.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Is it a fact that certain changes were made in the schedule of supply of these generating sets from Russia, and if so, may I know the particulars of those changes and the reasons which necessitated those changes?

**Shri Alagesan:** Formerly, there was a suggestion, or a question arose that the Russian authorities would not be able to supply these units in time for being commissioned by the end of the Third Plan. We had talks with them. Our people went to Moscow; the chairman of the CWPC went there and had talks; and the deputy vice-chairman of the State Committee of the Council of Ministers of the USSR for Foreign Economics Relations came here and we had talks with him, and it is now agreed that the units for the four thermal stations will be delivered in time so that we shall be able to commission all of them by the end of the Third Plan.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** May I know whether the terms and conditions of payment for these thermal plants will be on the same lines as for the Bhilai steel plants?

**Shri Alagesan:** I do not know the terms on which the Bhilai steel plant was supplied, but we are getting these plants under the USSR credit arrangement and under their trade agreement.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Keeping in view the power starvation which the eastern and southern districts of Budhel Khand of UP are facing today, may I know whether one of these four power plants will be established in that area?

**Shri Alagesan:** One of the power stations is the Singrauli thermal power station; it will consist of five units of 50 M.W. each.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** My question has not been answered.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member wants to know whether it would be

located in the eastern or southern districts of U.P.

**Shri Alagesan:** It will be in Singrauli. I am not able to say where it is.

**Shri K. C. Pant:** Apart from these four major plants, are there any other Soviet-aided thermal power stations proposed to be set up in India during the Third Plan, and if so, has their execution also been ensured?

**Mr. Speaker:** That would be too wide a question.

**Shri K. C. Pant:** Are there any other Soviet-aided thermal plants?

**Shri Alagesan:** No, Sir. These are the only ones.

**Shri Muhammad Elias:** What would be the capacity of each thermal power plant?

**Mr. Speaker:** He has answered that.

**Dr. K. L. Rao:** May I know whether the Indian technicians to be sent to Moscow for training will be given a thorough training at Neyveli where there is a similar Russian plant? Also, will they be taught the Russian language before being sent to Russia?

**Shri Alagesan:** We shall make these arrangements.

**Shri Muhammad Elias rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the Minister got figures as to the capacity of each thermal plant?

**Shri Alagesan:** Yes. For Korba 4 units of 50 M.W.; Neyveli one unit of 50 M.W. and one unit of 100 M.W.; Singrauli (Obra) 5 units of 50 M.W. and Pathratu 4 units of 50 M.W. and one unit of 100 M.W.

**Earthquakes in Punjab and Kashmir**

\*556. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Punjab towns and Kashmir Valley were rocked by earthquakes in July, 1962; and

(b) if so, the details of loss of lives and property?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Yes.

(b) The information is being collected from the State Governments concerned and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या इन भूचालों से कोई पशुधन (कैटिल बैल्य) वगैरह का भी नुकसान हुआ था ?

**परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री जगजीवनराम) :** अभी तक इस की कोई जानकारी प्राप्त नहीं है ।

**Shri Bhagavati:** According to newspaper reports, there had been no loss of life or property due to the earthquake.

But reports from Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir Governments are still awaited.

**Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:** Are these towns situated on the earthquake belt?

**Shri Bhagavati:** Yes, Sir.

**श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :** मैं इतना ही जानना चाहता था कि प्राकृतिक भूचाल से ही आप का अभिप्राय है या राजनीतिक भूचालों से भी अभिप्राय है ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** कहीं उस तरह के भूचाल आप न खड़े कर दें ।

**Shortage of Forms in Post Offices**

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\*557. { **Shri Hem Raj:**  
          **Shri P. Kunhan:**  
          **Shri M. K. Kumaran:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is heavy shortage of forms specially