

look at him. When he was already on his legs you called the next question.

Mr. Speaker: I looked twice on this side and that side and found nobody on his feet. He stood up when I called the next question, simultaneously.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: May I submit that he took a few seconds to attune himself, because he is here after a long time.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member concerned has not complained. Probably, he is compelling him to complain.

Shri Ranga: Sir, it is my duty to defend my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Supply of Power Generating Plants from Russia

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*328. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revised schedule for the supply of power plants from Russia has been drawn subsequent to the recent visit of the Soviet Deputy Premier to Delhi;

(b) if so, what will be the volume of supply by the end of Third Plan period;

(c) whether the seven units of 50 M.W. will be made available to Pathratu Thermal Station in Bihar, as was originally decided upon; and

(d) what will be the total shortfall in the Third Plan Power generation capacity, after taking into account the figure included in the revised schedule?

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

(b) and (d) The capacity of the steam plant and equipment to be

delivered by the U.S.S.R. will be 900 M.W. of which 800 M.W. of power is expected to be available by the end of the current Plan period.

(c) Instead of seven units of 50 M.W. each, four units of 50 M.W. each and two units of 100 M.W. each, i.e., 50 M.W. more than originally agreed to, will be delivered.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Part (d) of the question has been answered. We have not been told what the shortfall would be during the Third Plan period after these plants have been received.

Shri Alagesan: I said that plant and equipment for 900 megawatts will be delivered and 800 megawatts power will be available in the current plan.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : प्रश्न के भाग (सी)

में यह पूछा गया था :

"whether the seven units of 50 M.W. will be made available to Pathratu Thermal Station in Bihar".

उत्तर में यह नहीं बताया गया है कि बिहार के इस थर्मल स्टेशन को कितनी पावर मिलेगी।

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim): It is very premature to say.

Mr. Speaker: One hon. Member says that part (d) of the question has not been answered and other hon. Member says that part (c) of the question has not been answered. So, they might be answered fully.

Shri Alagesan: Sir, there are four parts to the question, namely, (a), (b), (c) and (d). I answered part (a) separately. I clubbed together parts (b) and (d) and answered them and part (c) I answered separately. To which part is an answer required? I shall read it out again. Is it to parts (b) and (d)?

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

Shri Alagesan: The answer is:—

"The capacity of the steam plant and equipment to be delivered by

the USSR will be 900 MW of which 800 MW of power is expected to be available by the end of the current Plan period."

Mr. Speaker: The answer was wanted again because the question was in terms of shortfall and the answer has been given in another form. Therefore hon. Members did not feel satisfied.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि बिहार में पथारार्ड थर्मल स्टेशन को कितनी पावर मिलेगी ।

Shri Alagesan: In this Plant it will be four units, 50 MW each and one unit of 100 MW, that is, 300 MW of power will be available.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: What would be the total shortfall in power generation during the Third Plan period after these plants are received and installed?

Shri Alagesan: That will be too early to say.

Adulteration of Food and Medicines

*329. { **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the special steps that have been taken or are proposed to be taken to combat the adulteration of food and sale of sub-standard medicines; and

(b) the magnitude of the problem and facts brought to light during the last 3 months?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju): (a) and (b) A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 79].

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether in this particular connection the hon. Minister of Health and the hon. Deputy Minister have toured the various States and, if so,

which of the States they have covered and whether any programme or scheme of things has been thought of to combat this element?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): I have gone round and visited most of the cases that suffered from this disease. They had been admitted into different hospitals. I am sorry, Sir. I thought, it was about Malda epidemic.

An Hon. Member: It is quite a different question.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Will the hon. Member kindly repeat the question?

Mr. Speaker: Have any of the hon. Ministers or both of them toured the areas affected and what impressions have they got?

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Have they discussed with the State Governments any programme to be taken up by the State Governments?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: We have visited practically all the States of the Union. It is one of the programmes along with several others. A discussion took place in the Central Health Council meeting also on this question. They are all proposing to tighten control and improve implementation of Anti-Adulteration Laws. We are here proposing to tighten and improve legislation.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: It has been mentioned here that in only one of the States the magnitude of the problem has been assessed. May I know whether in the Centrally administered areas this problem has been assessed or not? What lead as the Central Government given in the matter of legislation as well as of tightening control and doing something?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: It has not been stated that the problem has been assessed only in one or two areas. What has been said is that there has not been any great reported increase in the magnitude of the problem except in one place. So far as the