

under the orders of the High Court, Government cannot do anything.

Power Projects

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- *160. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Basappa:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:

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

(a) the special steps taken by Government to accelerate the progress of power projects in view of the shortage of power in the country;

(b) whether as a result of these steps, there is any likelihood of completing any of the projects ahead of schedule;

(c) if so, the names of such projects; and

(d) the additional expenditure to be incurred?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement:

(a) The State Governments, State Electricity Boards and other project authorities concerned have been and are being requested to ensure that the tempo of work on the projects is stepped up by diverting resources in money, material and technical personnel, where necessary, and also by arranging for additional working shifts. The Central Government have undertaken to help in speedy release of foreign exchange and materials, where necessary. Teams of Officers from the Central Government are touring the States to study in detail the difficulties in the way of progress of execution of projects.

(b) Yes.

(c) (i) Neyveli Thermal Power Station Extensions, (ii) Pathratu Thermal Project (iii) Singauli (Obra) Thermal Project, (iv) Delhi 'C' Station, (v) Chandrapura Thermal Power

Station (DVC) and (vi) Durgapur Thermal Power Station (DVC). In addition, the Central Water and Power Commission have recommended to speed up the execution of some of the Third Plan projects as a result of which it will be possible to obtain power benefits earlier than the original expectations. The Commission have also recommended the taking up of advance action on some Fourth Plan schemes in the Third Plan itself to enable realisation of benefits in the first two years of the Fourth Plan.

(d) According to tentative estimates, the additional expenditure involved for speeding up the execution of the Third and Fourth Plan projects amount to about Rs. 160 crores.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: In the statement, it is said:

"The Commission have also recommended the taking up of advance action on some Fourth Plan schemes in the Third Plan itself to enable realisation of benefits in the first two years of the Fourth Plan."

I want to know whether it is a fact that some projects are likely to suffer because of lack of foreign exchange and if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure foreign exchange supply during the Third Five Year Plan.

Shri Alagesan: At present, there is no anxiety about foreign exchange for the Third Plan schemes that have already been undertaken. What the hon. Member has in mind, perhaps, is with reference to the Fourth Plan. Advance action, we propose to take even about the Fourth Plan schemes even now so that the needed generating capacity is created in the first two years of the Fourth Plan.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: It is also stated:

"In addition, the Central Water and Power Commission have recommended to speed up the execution of some of the Third Plan projects as a result of which it will be possible to obtain power

benefits earlier than the original expectations."

I want to know what is that expectation and how it is going to be earlier than that and what is the date.

Shri Alagesan: Power projects take quite a number of years. Even if they are commissioned a month or two or even three months in advance, to that extent, we are benefited. We have requested the State Governments and the project authorities to see that these units are commissioned as early as possible.

Shri P. Venkatasubbalah: It has been stated in the statement that the additional expenditure involved for speeding up the execution of the Third and Fourth Plan projects amounts to about Rs. 160 crores. May I know whether this amount would be commensurate with the results that would be achieved?

Shri Alagesan: We have submitted schemes both for action to be taken with reference to the Third Plan schemes as well as the Fourth Plan schemes. We have calculated the cost roughly at about Rs. 160 crores.

Shri Shivananjappa: How many package plants have been commissioned to give immediate relief to the shortage of power?

Shri Alagesan: I should like to have notice.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: How many power projects are lagging behind time and may I know whether the extra Rs. 160 crores that is to be spent on acceleration of certain projects will be to the detriment of the former?

Shri Alagesan: No. It will not be to the detriment of any project.

Mr. Speaker: Shri A. C. Guha.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: The first part of the question is not answered.

Mr. Speaker: Shri A. C. Guha.

Shri A. C. Guha: What is the shortfall from the target up to date and

what may be the expectation in the fulfilment of the target at the end of the Third Plan?

Shri Alagesan: The idea is to have a generating capacity of 7849 megawatts at the end of the Third Plan.

Shri A. C. Guha: What is the shortfall at present?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; Dr. K. L. Rao.

Dr. K. L. Rao: May I know whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for the avoidable delays and the action by which it will be possible to avoid ordinary delays and what steps the Government are taking to reduce the time taken in setting the consultants and settling contracts for machinery very early?

Shri Alagesan: In an earlier question, we answered about the reasons which go to make for delay in the execution of these projects.

Shri Ranga: That is for irrigation.

Shri Alagesan: Both for power and irrigation. They are getting the necessary foreign exchange, import licence, etc. All these procedures have been streamlined and we have a special unit in the Ministry as well as in the Central Water and Power Commission. They are looking after it and seeing that these things are expedited. That is one of the ways to reduce delays. As far as placing orders, etc., are concerned, that is being looked after by the various project authorities and we help them.

बी बढ़े : ये जो १६० करोड़ पये खर्च होने वाले हैं वे नई प्राजेक्ट्स पर खर्च होने वाले हैं या चम्बल योजना जो अभी चल रही है और जिस में १ लाख रुपया रोजाना नुकसान हो रहा है? क्योंकि केबल या वायर नहीं मिले हैं, उन जैसी योजनाओं पर भी

खर्च होने वाले हैं? मेरा कहने का मतलब यह है कि जो इनकम्प्लोट प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं, उन पर भी खर्च होने वाले हैं।

Shri Alagesan: I did not follow the question.

Shri Bade: May I explain in English?

Mr. Speaker: This is his choice. I would not ask him to do so.

श्री बड़े: यह जो १६० करोड़ रुपया खर्च होने वाला है वह नई प्रोजेक्ट्स पर खर्च होने वाला है। या जो इनकम्प्लोट प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं, उन पर भी खर्च होने वाला है। चम्बल प्रोजेक्ट एक ऐसा प्रोजेक्ट है जो अभी पूरी नहीं हुई है और वहां पर एक लाख रोज का नुकसान हो रहा है क्योंकि केबल्स और वायरिंग नहीं मिली हैं।

Mr. Speaker: Chambal project is suffering and is incurring a loss of Rs. 1 lakh a day and it is not being completed. Whether that aspect is also being considered in order to complete those projects that are in progress and have not been completed instead of taking up new projects—that is the question.

Shri Alagesan: The Chambal project has been completed. There is only one unit which has to be commissioned. That also will be commissioned shortly.

Shri Bade: My question was different. Government is suffering a loss of Rs. 1 lakh daily due to loss of power because there is shortage of cables and wires. Is the Government going to spend out of this Rs. 160 crores on this Chambal project or also on other projects which are not completed?

Shri Alagesan: It is not correct to say that the project is suffering a loss of Rs. 1 lakh every day for want of transmission lines. The entire power that is produced is being utilised both in Madhya Pradesh and in Rajasthan.

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श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री :
श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धांती :
डा० लक्ष्मीमल्ल सिधवी :
श्री स० मो० बनर्जी :
श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :
श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :
श्री स० चं० सागन्त :
श्री धीनारायण दास :
श्री विभूति मिश्र :
श्री गुलशन :
श्री भक्त दशन :
*१६१. श्री भागवत झा झाड़व :
श्री रा० स० तिवारी :
श्री हेम राज :
श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल :
श्री बजरज सिंह :
श्री गोकर्ण प्रसाद :
श्री यशपाल सिंह :
श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
श्री मूहम्मद इलियास :
श्री बंरवा कोटा :
श्री भरंडी :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) राष्ट्रीय रक्षा कोष में अब तक कुल कितना धन तथा सोना आ चुका है;

(ख) क्या इस रक्षा कोष में परीक्षा दबाव डाल कर धन एकत्रित करने की भी सूचनायें सरकार को मिली हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इस सम्बन्ध में कोई निर्देश जारी किये गये हैं; और

(घ) इस रक्षा कोष का राज्यों में अभी कितना धन बकाया है क्या इस की भी कोई जानकारी प्राप्त की गई है ?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. E. Bhagat):
(a) Rs. 45.28 crores and 15,67,169 grammes upto 23rd February, 1963.