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[English]

Burning down of Central Government Installations by Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh

1627. SHRIDATTATRAYABANDARU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Central Government Installations like the Telephone Exchanges, post Offices and Railway Stations were burnt down by the Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the last three years;

(c) the quantum of loss to the public property; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) 'Public Order' being a State subject it is for the State Govts. to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve law and order. However, the Central Government is extending all possible assistance to the State Governments as and when required. Further, in regard to the Naxalite affected contiguous areas of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa & Mathya

Pradesh, the Central Government has taken steps to improve inter-state coordination of the counter Naxalite measures.

Thermal Power Station in Andhra Pradesh

1628. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up coal based Thermal Power Station at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) has proposed to set up a coal-based Thermal Power Station (2X500 MW) at Vishakhapatnam at an estimated cost of Rs. 1560.28 Crores. The Project has been techno-economically appraised by the Central Electricity Authority. The APSEB have yet to obtain confirmation of the Central Water Commission in regard to availability of water.

List of Producers Advertised by Doordarshan

1629. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has advertised a list of producers whose serials/programmes have been accepted and approved by it so that the commercial sponsors could approach these film makers; and