

**Strength of Staff in Atomic Power Station, Madras**

**8144. Shri C. Chittybabu:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of works which are in progress at present and the existing strength of staff in the Madras Atomic Power Station; and

(b) the justification for the present strength compared to the work-load?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** (a) and (b). The work in progress includes site development, construction of access roads, bridges, residential colony, warehouse, workshop and various preliminary works connected with setting up this atomic power station. In addition, planning, design and engineering work, fabrication and procurement of equipment and materials required for the Project have been taken up.

The existing strength of persons in regular employment on the Project is 156, excluding work-charged and casual daily rated personnel and those employed by the Power Project Engineering Division of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. This number is fully justified.

**Madras Atomic Power Station**

**8145. Shri C. Chittybabu:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subordinate staff in the Madras Atomic Power Station has been attending office on all Sundays and on all holidays without any compensatory leave; and

(b) if so, whether it is in contravention of the orders of the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Appointment of Staff at Madras Atomic Power Station**

**8146. Shri C. Chittybabu:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons called for interview for appointment to a lower grade have been appointed to a higher grade at the Madras Atomic Power Station;

(b) if so, the number of such persons and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons who were called for the posts of supervisors were appointed as officers; and

(d) if so, how many and why?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** (a) and (c). No, Sir.

(b) and (d). Do not arise.

**Staff Cars in Madras Atomic Power Station**

**8147. Shri C. Chittybabu:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff cars in the Madras Atomic Power Station;

(b) how they are utilised and whether any supervision is exercised to ensure that they are not misused; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on the maintenance of staff cars?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** (a) Two.

(b) They are utilised on official duty connected with the work of the Department of Atomic Energy. Supervision and control on the use of those cars is exercised in accordance with the rules.

(c) The total expenditure incurred so far on the maintenance of the staff cars is Rs. 7,000 approximately (including Rs. 4,000 approximately on the salaries of Drivers).

**Expenditure on Photographs in Madras Atomic Power Project**

8148. Shri C. Chittybabu: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure so far incurred on photographs in the Madras Atomic Power Project; and

(b) the amount so far paid to the photographers in addition to their salary, such as Daily Allowance and Travelling Allowance and air travel fares?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). Normally the photographic facilities already existing in other units of the Department of Atomic Energy are utilized. The expenditure on Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance of Departmental photographers is approximately Rs. 470. The expenditure incurred by the Project on photographs taken by commercial photographers on the occasions their services were utilised during the last one year is about Rs. 600.

**Contract with Chief Producer in A.I.R., Delhi**

8149. Shri G. C. Dixit: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Producer in A.I.R., Delhi has been

offered a contract of more than twelve years while other producers have been given five years' contract only;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Producer has been offered much higher remuneration in comparison to others in the same category; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) to (c). The normal tenure of contract for a staff artiste in AIR is five years, but the Chief Producer Hindustani Music was appointed with a contract of slightly more than 12 years and on comparatively higher rate of fee than that admissible to Chief Producers, after taking into consideration his eminence in the field of study and research of both literature and music and the terms on which he was engaged by his previous employers and offers made to him at the time of joining A.I.R.

**Uranium Plant at Hyderabad**

8150. Shri Samar Guha: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the scientific, economic and other consideration for establishing (i) Uranium Oxide Plant, (ii) Ceramic Fuel Fabrication Plant, and (iii) Zirconium Plant at Hyderabad, which is situated far from the Jaduguda Uranium mine at Bihar?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): Hyderabad is more centrally located than Jaduguda, not only with reference to the sources of supply of zircon, but also to the stations in which the fuel elements produced in the Hyderabad Fuel Complex will be utilised.

The Electronics Corporation of India will also be located in Hyderabad. The Fuel Complex will share