

chronic problem in availability of power. 100% power cuts have been imposed by APSEB in Ramagundam Unit which lead to shut down of the plant for 4-7 months in a year.

(c) The FCI has submitted a proposal for rehabilitation including a captive power plant of 40 MW for Ramagundam Unit at a cost of Rs. 171.94 crores for achieving 60% capacity utilisation.

#### **Import of Raw Material by N.S.I.C.**

4400. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation are importing various raw materials for the small scale sector under its IRMAC scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of imported and indigenous raw materials assistance scheme being offered by NSIC to existing and proposed units and the facilities offered;

(d) whether NSIC is importing various raw materials under OGL;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether NSIC are negotiating or making serious efforts to procure scarce raw materials from Government Enterprises for the purposes of SSI units after the announcement of New Industrial Policy for small sector; if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether a few raw materials have been canalised through NSIC for small sector; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to National Small Industries Corporation, it has imported precision Instruments against licence under IRMAC Scheme.

(c) The Corporation provides both imported and indigenous raw-materials to SSI under its Raw-Material Assistance Scheme against their specific requirements. The units availing assistance are required to deposit between 20 to 30% as margin money and interest on blocked up capital as per the prevalent Bank rates is charged. The Corporation's Service Charges range between 1 to 3% depending upon the quantum of assistance provided.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The main items of import under OGL by the Corporation are Electronic Components, PVC/Oleopine Resin, Acrylic scrap, CRGO Sheets, Pig Iron etc. as per requirements of the units.

(f) Yes, Sir. the Corporation is negotiating with IPCL Baroda, Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Udaipur to procure polymers and Zinc, etc.

(g) No, Sir.

#### **Cost Escalation of Public Sector Projects**

4401. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether 330 public sector projects have shown cost escalations because of delays in clearance and implementation;

(b) if so, the names of these projects and the original cost and escalated cost of these projects; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government