

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH) :

(a) Two wireless equipments consisting of a shortwave transmitter and a receiver were found in a field in village Madanpur Khadar of Delhi on 8-7-1977.

(b) Investigations are still in progress.

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

Power Generation Schemes in States with Good Hydro-Potential

6061. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government for the creation of a special fund at the Centre to finance Power Generation Schemes in States with good hydro-potential; and

(b) if so, main features thereof and whether any decision has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Power Shortage in Rajasthan

6062. SHRI S. S. SOMANI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the closure of the atomic reactor at Ranapratap Sagar, near Kotah, Rajasthan faces the prospect of power shortage;

(b) whether sizeable fall in power availability may also soon force the Electricity Board to declare cuts in energy consumption in the States; and

(c) if so, reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) :

(a) to (c). With the closure of power station at Ranapratap Sagar near Kotah, for planned maintenance for three months, the availability of power in Rajasthan has been reduced by about 2.5 to 3.0 MU a day. Ministry of Energy has arranged for assistance to Rajasthan to the extent possible from Badarpur Thermal Power Station. Rajasthan is also getting some assist-

ance from Madhya Pradesh. With the onset of monsoons, the power demand has also come down and Rajasthan is, by and large, able to meet its power requirements except during peak hours when there is a shortage of about 30 to 40 MW and load shedding is resorted to overcome the shortage whenever necessary. No regular power cuts have been imposed by the State.

Brain Drain from the Country

6063. SHRI A.K. ROY :
SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of qualified persons, doctors, engineers and technologists of India living abroad;

(b) whether the number of increased during the last three years; and

(c) steps Government purpose to take to stop brain drain from the country ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) :

(a) The exact figure is not known. The CSIR maintains an Indian Abroad Section of the National Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel of India for enrolment of Indian scientists etc. abroad. Enrolment is voluntary. According to information available in the Register about 10,459 Indian scientific and technical personnel were abroad as on 30th June, 1977 of whom 3,472 were Scientists, 4,368 Engineers, 621 Technologists and 2,047 Doctors.

(b) Yes, Sir. The position of registrants in the Indian Abroad Section of the National Register of the CSIR during the last 3 years is given below :

As on	Number of registrants
1-1-75 .	9,425
1-1-76 .	9,708
1-1-77	10,190

(c) The Government of India have been taking from time to time various measures to improve employment opportunities in the country and to facilitate the return of qualified Indians from

abroad. The list of measures is given in Appendix I and Appendix II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 954/77].

Importing of Power Generating Equipment

6064. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for importing power generating equipment to ensure early completion of the power plants whose commissioning has been delayed due to non-availability of equipment; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). There is a general ban on the import of power generating equipment in the country, but individual proposals requiring import on account of special reasons are considered on merits.

There are some hydro-electric projects presently under implementation where generating equipment is being imported. Proposals for import of some reversible pump turbines which are not indigenously manufactured are also under consideration. There are also some proposals for import of gas turbines which are not indigenously manufactured.

There is no proposal for import of power generating equipment for early completion of any thermal project.

Factories Manufacturing Railway Wagons and Locomotives

6065. SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various factories in the country which manufacture railway wagons and locomotives;

(b) the actual production in these factories during the last three years as against their production capacity; and

(c) the number of these factories in public sector and in private sector separately?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) and (c). There are thirteen factories in the country which manufacture railway wagons; of these, five are in the public sector, three under Government management, and five in the private sector. In addition, three railway workshops are also engaged in the manufacture of railway wagons.

There are two production units under the Ministry of Railways, which manufacture locomotives. In addition, there are three existing units, one in the public sector and two in the private sector, which manufacture locomotives.

(b) The actual production of railway wagons and locomotives during the last three years, as against the production capacity, is indicated below:—

Production Capacity in Nos.	Actual Production in Nos.		
	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77

Wagons (in terms of 4-wheeler)	29,815	10,958	12,176	11,981
Locomotives	380	189	197	216