

जाना पड़ता है जिससे उन्हें बहुत कठिनाई होती है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार घाघरा पर पुल बनाने का है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम): (क) से (ग). संभवतया माननीय सदस्य महोदय घोगराघाट पर घाघरा नदी के ऊपर पुल के साथ-साथ बहराईच-बाराबांकी-लखनऊ सड़क का उल्लेख कर रहे हैं। यह पुल बन जाने पर राज्य सड़क पर पड़ेगा। केन्द्रीय सरकार को वर्ष में कुछ समय के लिये बाढ़ के कारण सड़क बन्द होने के बारे में कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है। परन्तु राज्य अधिकारियों ने पांचवी योजना के दौरान अन्तःराज्यीय अथवा आर्थिक महत्व की राज्य सड़कों, पुलों के केन्द्रीय सहायता कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता के लिये अपने प्रस्तावों में इस पुल को शामिल किया था। अखिल भारत आघार विभिन्न योजनाओं की आपसी प्राथमिकता तथा इस प्रयोजन के लिये उपलब्ध धनराशि के विभिन्न योजनाओं की आपसी प्राथमिकता तथा इस प्रयोजन के लिए उपलब्ध धनराशि के आघार पर उत्तर प्रदेश सहित विभिन्न राज्यों से प्राप्त विभिन्न प्रस्तावों पर विचार करते हुए भारत सरकार ने केवल कुछ ऐसी योजनाओं के लिये लगभग 8.58 करोड़ रु० की वित्तीय सहायता स्वीकृत की, जिन्हें अपेक्षाकृत उच्चतर प्राथमिकता दी गयी थी। प्रस्तावित पुल, जिसे अपेक्षाकृत निम्न प्राथमिकता (23 योजनाओं में से प्राथमिकता सं० 13) दी गयी थी, को स्वीकृत कार्यों की सूची में शामिल नहीं किया जा सका।

इसके अलावा, राज्य सरकार ने अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ पांचवी योजना में नेपालगंज वाली एक योजक सड़क को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पद्धति में शामिल करने का भी प्रस्ताव किया जिसमें यह पुल भी आता

है। परन्तु, कठिन वित्तीय स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए भारत सरकार इस अनुरोध को स्वीकार नहीं कर सकी और फिर वित्तीय कठिनाइयों के कारण वे इस समय मीजूदा राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पद्धति का विस्तार भी नहीं कर सकतीं।

#### Closure of India Meters

399. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Meters, Madras is under closure for a long time; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to re-open the factory?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): (a): Yes Sir, since November, 1974.

(b) In the recent past, numerous discussions have been held with the Government of Tamil Nadu, and the concerned financial institutions to explore the possibilities of restarting Messrs. India Metres, Madras. However, as there were some doubts about the economic viability of the unit, the Central Bank of India in consultation with the Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India have started taking a fresh look at the economic viability of the project. A decision will be taken as soon as the views of the institutions are available.

#### Conversion of A.I.R. Station, Trichur into full-fledged A.I.R. Station

400. SHRI V. M. SUDHEERAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to convert the All India Radio Station, Trichur into full-fledged and independent All India Radio Station?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): Trichur station of A.I.R. is already a full-fledged and independent radio station under the charge of a Station Director. It is having a 20 kw mw transmitter equipped with permanent type I Studio and receiving facilities. The Station is already broadcasting all the three transmis-

sions for a total duration of 13 hours and 40 minutes on Sundays and 10 hours and 20 minutes on week days and originating about 4 hours and 10 minutes programme daily.

**Thermal Power Station in North Bengal**

401. SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA. Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no possibility of having one Thermal Power Station in the near future in North Bengal;

(b) whether one Thermal Power Station at Dalkola was originally scheduled to meet the power demand in North Bengal and adjacent portions of Bihar;

(c) whether the Power Station location was selected by Union Government to Kherjuriaghat or Farakka in preference to Dalkola but this scheme has also been dropped by the Union Government; and

(d) whether the proposal of State Government for construction of Raman Hydro Electric Project in Darjeeling district has not been getting clearance from Union Government for about 10 years?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Detailed feasibility reports for the location of a thermal station in North Bengal have yet to be examined to determine the optimum location for such a thermal station and the time required for its commissioning.

(b) A proposal for installing two units of 120 MW each at Dalkola had been examined for meeting the power demand in North Bengal, but the location at Farakka was considered more suitable, on the basis of preliminary reports, for a large thermal station with possibility for expansion.

(c) From the above consideration, the Farakka site has been under consideration and detailed examination has yet to be completed.

(d) Raman Hydro Electric Project, Stage II has been sanctioned by the Central Government in April, 1977.

**Alleged Destruction of Files, Documents and other Papers Pertaining to Previous Government**

402. SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports that numerous files, documents and other papers pertaining to the predecessor Government were burnt or otherwise destroyed or airlifted to destination in some foreign country by persons connected with that Administration, immediately after the conclusion of the recent General Election;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the nature of the action taken on such reports?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): (a) The Government have not received any such report.

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

**Single National Authority for Power Generation and Distribution**

403. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the reason for the delay in setting up a single national authority for power generation and distribution in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): There is no proposal under consideration for setting up of a single national authority for power generation and distribution in the country.