

Setting up of more Thermal Power Projects in Delhi

5863. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the coming summer season and to meet the growing power demand in the capital, there is any proposal under the consideration of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to set up more Thermal Power Projects;

(b) if so, the locations where NTPC proposes to set up Thermal Power Projects; and

(c) when the said projects will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) There is no proposal of National Thermal Power Corporation to set up a new thermal project to meet the power requirements of the capital in the coming summer season. However, the Central Electricity Authority has accorded techno-economic clearance to a proposal of NTPC to set up the National Capital Thermal Power Station (Stage-I, 4×200 MW) at Muradnagar to meet the long-term power demand of the capital. The first unit of the project is envisaged to be commissioned in 1990-91.

Increasing the frequency of Himsagar Express

5864. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the frequency of the Himsagar Express running between Jammu-Tawi and Kanyakumari; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSILAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to scarcity of resources like coaches, locomotives and lack of line capacity on the route, there is no proposal to increase its frequency at present.

Hydro Power Potential of Kerala

5865. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total hydro power potential available in Kerala;

(b) what percentage has been utilised so far;

(c) whether there is any perspective plan to utilise fully this potential in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) The hydro power potential of Kerala is estimated to be 2977 MW at 60% load factor, of which 40.5 per cent potential would be exploited with the commissioning of the on-going schemes.

(c) and (d) Kerala authorities have intimated that a perspective Plan for development of hydro potential in the State up to 2000 AD has been prepared by them. This plan envisages utilisation of all the available hydro potential of the State in stages.

Twelfth Power Survey

5866. SHRI B.V. DESAI;
SHRI DEBI GHOSAL:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Twelfth Power Survey has estimated that the demand for power would grow at the rate of 13.5 percent annually during the period 1985-86 to 1989-90;

(b) if so, whether according to survey this steep increase in demand