

**Decrease in value of savings as a result of fall in value of rupee**

3670. SHRI M. SUBHA REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the rates of interest allowed on various Provident Funds like G.P.F., C.P.F., E.P.F., Coal Mines Provident Fund, etc.;

(b) whether due to fall in the value of rupee the real value of the savings of the employees has decreased; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/contemplated to ensure that in real terms their savings are not eroded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The rate of interest allowed on various Provident Funds during the current year are as under:

GPF/CPF	EPF	CMPF	PPF
10.50%	10.15%	10.50%	10.00%

(b) & (c) In order to protect the real value of savings, Government have raised the interest rates on various Provident Funds from time to time. Government have also taken a number of steps on a wide front to control inflation. The main thrust of these measures continues to be an effective demand and supply management including enforcement of fiscal discipline and keeping the aggregate liquidity in the system under control.

**Award of Contract for Thermal Power Station of Neyveli Lignite Corporation**

3671. SHRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the commissioning of first stage of thermal power station of Neyveli Lignite Corporation has been delayed due to delay in the

execution of boiler contract awarded to a Hungarian company which is licensee of a West German company under the guarantees and undertakings by the West German Company :

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same West German company is now being considered by Neyveli Lignite Corporation for award of contract for the second stage of thermal power station for which the boiler is to be built by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for considering the same company when the first stage has not been commissioned so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited have been entrusted with the responsibility for the manufacture of the major components of Thermal Power Station II (Stage II) with design engineering assistance for the Steam Generators from West Germany and import of milling and firing plants. Bids were invited by BHEL from three West German firms approved by KFW, the West German financing agency, for the imported portion of the work. The West German firm, who was licensor of the Hungarian contractor for Thermal Power Station Stage I, is one of the three firms whose bids are under evaluation by BHEL. BHEL is being assisted by Neyveli Lignite Corporation and the Retainer Consultants appointed for the purpose. The final decision will take into account with all relevant factors.

**Spinning Mills.**

3672. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister\* of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of spinning mills for which letter of intents have been given, but have not yet gone into construction ; State-wise, details thereof ;

(b) whether a cooperative spinning mill for the rehabilitation of refugees has