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Programme for Improvement of Operations of Damodar Vally Corporation

7869. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:
SHRIMATI BASAV-
ARAJSWARI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Damodar Valley Corporation has decided to gear up its operations to regain its position as one of the country's best run generating agencies;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed plan; and

(c) to what extent, the cost cut has been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). A plan has been formulated for gearing up of the operations of the Damodar Valley Corporation incorporating activities e.g. revamping of the organisational set-up at corporate and plant levels with decentralisation of power, adoption of modern techniques for project monitoring implementation of computerised operations and maintenance schemes, effective renovation and modernisation of the existing and old thermal units, and better manpower utilisation etc., which is expected to yield substantial cost-effectiveness in the long run.

D.A. Formula for Public Sector Undertakings

7870. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJES-
WARI:
SHRI YASHWANTRAOPATIL:
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:
SHRI SARJUPRASAD SAROJ:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Trade Union Organisations including the INTUC and AITUC have urged Union Government to reconsider that decision over the dearness allowance formula to the employees of public sector undertakings and to resume negotiations afresh;

(b) if so, whether these Organisations held a meeting with Union Government recently and if so, the details of the participants therein;

(c) the outcome of the discussion held?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). On 21.4.1990, representatives of Central Trade Union Organisations attending the Indian Labour Conference met the Union Labour Minister separately and made a request for arranging a meeting with the Union Finance Minister on the question of Dearness Allowance for employees of public sector enterprises. Formal meeting is likely to be fixed shortly.

More Container Freight Stations

7871. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of container freight stations functioning presently in the country;

(b) whether the Standing Committee for Promotion of Exports by Shipping has recently proposed for establishment of some more container freight stations in the country; and

(c) if so, the cities at which these stations are likely to be established and when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Nine.