

**Supply of Foodgrains to Kerala**

72. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the demand for foodgrains from Kerala and the supply from the Centre during the last six months; and

(b) the steps being taken to supply the full quantity as demanded by that State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) A statement indicating the demand, allotment and offtake of rice and wheat for the public distribution system in respect of Kerala during the last six months is given below.

(b) The allocations of foodgrains from the Central Pool are only supplemental to open market availability. However, the demand of the State Government is being met, by and large, by increasing allocations to the extent possible.

**Statement**

*Statement indicating Demand, Allotment and Offtake of Rice and Wheat for Public Distribution System in respect of Kerala during the period August 1986 to January 1987*

(In '000 tonnes)

Month	Demand		Allotment		Offtake (P)	
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
1986						
August	150.0	35.0	150.0*	35.0	157.1	11.4
September	200.0	35.0	165.0@	35.0	155.9	8.0
October	150.0	35.0	150.0*	35.0	127.8	8.9
November	150.0	20.0	125.0	35.0	124.6	9.2
December	150.0	20.0	140.0**	35.0	131.1	9.2
1987						
January	150.0	20.0	125.0	35.0	121.7	8.0

(\*) Includes special additional allocation of 25,000 tonnes.

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(P) Provisional

**Delay in Commissioning of Ramagundam Units of N.T.P.C.**

73. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any delay in commissioning of Ramagundam units of National Thermal Power Corporation ;

(b) the causes of the delay and whether these have been rectified;

(c) when were the units planned to be Commissioned in the normal course;

(d) the time by which they are likely to be commissioned; and

(e) the additional expenditure that is likely to be incurred due to delay and cost escalation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The commissioning programme of the various units of the Ramagundam STPP is as under :

Unit	Commissioning Schedule	Actual date of commissioning
I (200 MW)	February, 1984	October, 1983
II (200 MW)	August, 1984	May, 1984
III (200 MW)	February, 1985	December, 1984
IV (500 MW)	July, 1988	
V (500 MW)	July, 1989	
VI (500 MW)	July, 1990	

(e) There is likely to be an increase of about Rs. 274.88 crores over the approved cost estimates of the project (2100MW) alongwith the associated transmission lines, mainly owing to price escalations.

#### Import of Paper

74. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to import paper when only 58 per cent of the installed capacity of the small paper mills is being utilised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps envisaged for full capacity utilisation of small paper mills in the country and to provide them incentives to meet the requirements of the country from within ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Import of paper and paper board is negligible. However, certain special varieties of paper which are not available indigenously in adequate measure is allowed to be imported. The Central Government has no proposal to import at present ordinary varieties of paper.

(c) In order to increase production and improve capacity utilisation and financial viability, the following reliefs and concessions have been extended to the Paper Industry :—

1. Import of pulp, waste paper and wood chips has been placed on OGL and allowed free of customs levies.
2. Import of wood log placed on OGL and concessional customs duty levied.