

paper industry has been complaining of declining profits and stagnation of demand, there is no definite indication of any medium and large paper mills facing closure on account of these reasons.

(b) The paper industry is confronted with the problems of availability of cellulosic raw materials, shortage of power and coal and technological obsolescence. The overall performance of the Industry in terms of capacity build-up and production is considered to be satisfactory. The installed capacity of the industry has gone up from 24 lakh tonnes in 1984-85 to 28.51 lakh tonnes at the beginning of 1988. The production of paper and paperboard which was 13.70 lakh tonnes in 1984 has also gone up to 16.80 lakh tonnes (estimated) at the end of 1987.

(c) and (d). Various reliefs and concessions have been extended in recent years to enable the paper industry in general to improve its capacity utilisation and financial viability. In the Budget proposals for 1988-89, a reduction of Rs. 100 per tonne in excise duty applicable to small paper mills and a reduction of Rs. 300 per tonne in the case of other mills using non-conventional raw materials has been announced. The problems of paper industry are kept in view while formulating policies and programmes for the development of the industry, from time to time.

**Setting up of Industries in Kalahandi district of Orissa**

10337. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kalahandi district of Orissa has been declared a non-industry district; and

(b) if so, whether any industry has been or is proposed to be established in that district ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF**

**INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. As there was a medium scale industry existing in Kalahandi, it was not identified as No Industry District. During the last three years one unit viz. M/s. Orissa Vegetable Oils Complex Ltd., has been granted DGTD registration for manufacture of fatty acid, glycerine and soap at Kisingha.

**Calcium Carbide Plant at Rairangpur in Orissa**

10338. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the establishment of the Calcium Carbide plant at Rairangpur in Orissa has been delayed ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the setting up of the above plant ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J VENGAL RAO) :** (a) and (b). M/s. Indian Carbide & Chemicals Limited, Calcutta, who are establishing the Calcium Carbide plant at Rairangpur in Orissa, have informed their project has been delayed due to paucity of funds arising out of late floating of equity shares issue for the public, because of the depression in the share market.

(c) According to the company, the financial institutions, who were approached for term loan to meet the over run cost, have just sanctioned the same. Further, they are expediting disbursement of funds from promoters also and they expect to complete the project in about three months time after the required funds are received.

**Committee on sharing of unallocated power among States**

10339. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have appointed a committee to go into the question of shar-

ing of unallocated power from the Central Sector power stations among the States;

(b) whether the sub-committee has completed its report; and

(c) if so, the recommendations of the sub-committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, the question of reserving a portion of the electricity generated at Central Power Stations for supply to Central Public Sector Undertakings, primarily in the core sector, has been referred for consideration to a Committee on which the State Electricity Boards are represented and which has not yet submitted its report.

#### Improvements in old thermal power plants

10:40 SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has planned to bring about improvements by fitting new parts, wherever necessary, in several old thermal power plants to raise their Plant Load Factor (PLF) or to extend their life;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this is proposed to be done with indigenous expertise only ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to improve the performance of existing thermal power stations, a Centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation Programme is being implemented with a Central Loan component of Rs. 500 crores at 34 thermal power stations in the country comprising 162 thermal generating units aggregating to a capacity of 13475 MW. The power station-wise details of the R & M schemes is given below in the statement.

(c) Indigenous expertise is being utilised for renovation and modernisation of thermal generating units manufactured in the country. However, for imported thermal generating units where indigenous knowhow is not available in the country, assistance from the original foreign suppliers is being sought. In cases where imported technology has become obsolete and modern indigenous technology is available, deployment of the same is insisted as far as possible.