

as convenor to provide useful forum for exchange of information and discussions on problems faced by small and medium scale industrial units. The Committee includes representatives of the Small Industries Service Institutes, Small Industries Development Corporation, State Financial Corporation, Industrial Development Bank of India and banks with major involvement in the concerned State. The Committee brings different parties connected with rehabilitation of viable sick units together so that detailed parameters for rehabilitation based on consensus can emerge.

(e) A number of measures have been taken by the Government for detecting sickness at the incipient stage and towards rehabilitation of sick units in the small scale sector. Detailed guidelines have been issued by the Reserve Bank of India to all commercial banks in February, 1987 with specific reference to detecting incipient sickness, identification of sick small scale units, viability norms, as also reliefs and concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementation of rehabilitation packages in the case of potentially viable sick units. The small Industries Development Fund set up by the Industrial Development Bank of India in May, 1986 also provides for rehabilitation assistance to sick SSI units financed by commercial banks, State Financial Corporations and State Small Industries Development Corporations. Financial assistance in the form of long term equity type assistance upto Rs. 75,000 to units with a project cost not exceeding Rs. 5 lakhs at a nominal service charge of one per cent per annum is also available to potentially viable sick SSI units from the National Equity Fund set up in August, 1987. The Government of India have liberalised the Margin Money Scheme for revival of sick small scale units and the quantum of assistance under the scheme has been raised from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000 per unit.

Telephone Factory at Tiruppur

4102. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have

any proposal to set up a Telephone Factory at Tiruppur; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost for setting up of Telephone Factory there ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Renovation and Modernisation of Power Projects

4103. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the power projects in the country are having outdated machinery and their production is gradually decreasing;

(b) if so, what is the Government's plan to renovate and modernise them to improve their efficiency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and names and number of such projects which are likely to be covered under the scheme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (c). The design of equipment/machinery of power plants commissioned in 1950s and 1960s was based on technology available at that time. Power projects commissioned in recent years are based on modern technology and their performance is, by and large, satisfactory.

A centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation programme is being implemented in the country at some of the thermal power stations whose performance was not found to be satisfactory. This Programme is expected to be completed during the Seventh Plan period. Details of the thermal power stations where this Renovation and Modernisation programme is under implementation are given in the statement below. A scheme for Renovation and Modernisation of hydroelectric power stations is also under formulation.

Statement*Details of Thermal Power Stations Covered Under Renovation & Modernisation Programme*

S. No.	Name of Station	No./Rating of Units (MW)	Capacity (MW)
1	2	3	4
1.	NTPC/Badarpur	5/3 × 100, 2 × 210	720
2.	DESU/I.P.	5/1 × 35, 3 × 62.5, 1 × 60	282.5
	HSEB	6	415
3.	Faridabad	3 × 60, 1 × 15	195
4.	Panipat	2 × 110	220
5.	PSEB/Bhatinda	4/ 4 × 110	440
	UPSEB	27	2374
6.	Panki	2 × 32, 2 × 110	284
7.	Obra	5 × 50, 3 × 100, 5 × 200	1550
8.	Harduaganj	3 × 30, 2 × 50, 4 × 60, 1 × 110	540
	MPEB	21	1562.5
9.	Korba	1 × 10, 3 × 30, 4 × 50, 2 × 120	540
10.	Amarkantak	2 × 30, 2 × 120	300
11.	Satpura	5 × 62.5, 1 × 200, 1 × 210	722.5
	GEB	10	1014
12.	Gandhinagar	2 × 120	240
13.	Dhuvaran	4 × 63.5, 2 × 140	534
14.	Ukai	2 × 120	240
	MSEB	9	915
15.	Koradi	4 × 120	480
16.	Nasik	2 × 140	280
17.	Bhusaval	1 × 62.5	62.5
18.	Paras	1 × 30, 1 × 62.5	92.5
	APSEB	9	742.5
19.	Kothagudem	4 × 60, 4 × 110	680
20.	Ramagundem	'B' 1 × 62.5	62.5

1	2	3	4
	<i>TNEB</i>	8	1080
21.	Ennore	2 × 60, 3 × 110	450
22.	Tuticorin	3 × 210	630
23.	NLC/Neyveli	9/3 × 100, 6 × 50	600
24.	OSEB/Talcher	4/4 × 62.5	250
	<i>DVC</i>	11 + 2*	1125 + 110*
25.	Chanderpura	3 × 120, 3 × 140	780
26.	Bokaro	3 × 50, 1 × 55	205
27.	Durgapur	2 × 55, 1 × 140	*110 + 140
	<i>BSEB</i>	16	763.5
28.	Patratu	4 × 50, 2 × 100, 2 × 110	620
29.	Barauni	2 × 50, 2 × 15	130
30.	Karbigahia	2 × 1.5, 1 × 3, 1 × 7.5	13.5
	<i>MBSEB</i>	8	800
31.	Santaldih	4 × 120	480
32.	Bandel	4 × 80	320
33.	DPL/Durgapur	5/2 × 30, 1 × 70, 2 × 75	280
34.	ASEB/Namrup	5/3 × 23, 1 × 12.5, 1 × 30	111.5
	Total	162 + 2*	13475.5 + 110*

*Damaged in fire.

Telecom Protocol with USSR

4104. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently signed a Telecom Protocol with the USSR ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Protocol of the first meeting of the Indo-Soviet Working Group in the field of

Posts and Telecommunications was signed on 12th February, 1988 at New Delhi between the Ministry of Communications, Government of India and the Ministry and of Posts Telecommunications of the USSR.

(b) In the area of Telecommunications, the Protocol covers mainly—

—International Subscriber Dialling,

—Leasing of a Transponder by the USSR to India,

—Co-operation in the manufacture and supply of Telecommunications Equipment etc.