

TRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c). The World Bank is extending loan assistance amounting to US \$ 330 million and US \$ 260 million for the Karnataka Power Projects I and II respectively which will, inter alia, cover the Kalinadi Hydro-electric Project Stage II (270 MW) and the Shravathi Tail Race Scheme (240 MW). The Government of Japan have pledged an OECF loan of Yen 23.142 billion for the fourth unit of 210 MW at the Raichur Thermal Power Project. The Exchange of Notes with the Government of Japan is yet to be signed.

Implementation of the projects would assist in meeting the electricity demand in Karnataka and in effecting institutional, operational and financial improvements in relation to the Karnataka Power Corporation and the Karnataka Electricity Board.

Power Crisis

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether during May to July, 1988 there remains very acute power crisis in spite of number of measures taken in this regard; and

(b) the names of the States affected, the reasons leading to power crisis and the steps taken to avoid this occurrence in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b). The demand for power shows an

upward trend during the summer season particularly when the agricultural load also increases. The States which had a comparatively higher power shortage during May to July, 1988 included Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

The measures taken to augment the availability of power include supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal to thermal stations, expeditious repair of units under forced outages, early stabilisation of newly commissioned units and arranging assistance to deficit States from neighbouring systems wherever possible. The generation of power in the country during the period from 1st April 1988 to 26th July 1988 showed an increase of about 5105 million units as compared with the generation during the corresponding period of last Year.

Transmission Line from Manipur to Jammu & Kashmir

978. SHRI S.M.GURADDI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to join the select band of two countries where work on the first 800 KV transmission line has been taken up for execution,

(b) if so, whether this will be the first 800 KV transmission line from Manipur to Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) if so, whether this work is being entrusted to the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation; and

(d) if so, the total expenditure involved and to what extent it will be beneficial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d). The National Hydroelectric Power