

effective implementation of the order?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, sir.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government are monitoring the implementation of the said Order and are taking appropriate steps in this regard, including the provision of necessary assistance and support.

Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Thermal Power Station

571. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of adivasis and fisherfolk will lose their livelihood once the 500 MW Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Thermal power station comes up at Dahanu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the plant is likely to be set up and the total cost of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c). The government of Maharashtra have indicated that the proposed installation of a thermal power station (500 MW) by M/s. Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Ltd. at Dahanu is likely to have no adivasis effect on the local adivasis and fisherfolk who could be benefitted by the employment opportunities likely to be created.

The proposed plant is envisaged to be set up within five years from the date of start of work. The project proposal would require techno-economic appraisal by the Central Electricity Authority before approval of Gov-

ernment could be considered. The total estimated cost of the proposed project is Rs. 700 crores.

Gap In Power Supply Position to Engineering Industry

572. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the massive gap in the power supply position has caused serious concern to the engineering industry ;

(b) whether any study has been made to find the deficit of power during the year 1987-88; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to help the industry in meeting the shortfall of power supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) :

(a) Industrial output depends on a number of factors and power shortage is only one of these factors. The supply of power to various categories of consumers is decided by the State authorities, keeping in view the overall demand for power and its availability.

(b) The power supply position in the country during 1987-88 was as under:

Requirement	210993 MU
Availability	187976 MU
Shortage	23017 MU
% Shortage	10.9%

(c) The measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generation capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission