

posal for revision of rent charges which was formulated in 1972 had to be examined in detail after obtaining particulars from other ports and this necessarily, entailed some delay in finalising the matter.

It may be mentioned that the original proposal envisaged an additional income from rent to the tune of Rs. 12 lakhs per annum. The revised proposal which was adopted after detailed scrutiny yielded an additional income of Rs. 21 lakhs per annum.

Thus the revised proposals evolved after a delay have actually resulted in larger yield from rent and overall there has been no loss on account of late revision of the rent.

Calcutta Port Trust have, however, been asked to ensure that delays do not occur in future and that well before the expiry of the currency of the rent schedule, revised proposals are formulated and examined in depth so that the new rates come into force when the old schedule expires.

A note explaining the above position has been furnished to the Public Accounts Committee.

मध्यप्रदेश में प्राकृतिक संसाधनों का सर्वेक्षण

1300. श्री कल्याण जैन क्या उद्योग मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के विपुल प्राकृतिक संसाधनों का विस्तृत एवं वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण करने की कोई योजना है; और

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में प्राकृतिक संसाधनों को निकालने तथा उन पर आधारित उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए बनाई जाने वाली योजना की रूपरेखा क्या है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री बृजलाल वर्मा) :

(क) और (ख) : सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मिलने पर सभा-घटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

बिहार में बिजुत की आवश्यकता

1301. श्री बीरेन्द्र प्रसाद: क्या ऊर्जा मन्त्री बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में कुल कितने मैगावाट बिजली की आवश्यकता है और कितनी बिजली दी जा रही है; और

(ख) विशेष रूप से नालन्दा जिले की बिजली मन्वन्धी आवश्यकता क्या है और वहां कितनी बिजली दी जा रही है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री पी० रामचन्द्रन) :

(क) दामोदर घाटी निगम द्वारा आपूर्ति किए जाने वाले क्षेत्रों समेत बिहार की कुल व्यस्ततम मांग लगभग 900 मैगावाट है तथा इस व्यस्ततम मांग को पूरा करने के लिए वास्तविक उपलब्धता लगभग 800 मैगावाट है ।

(ख) नालन्दा जिले की व्यस्ततम काल की आवश्यकता लगभग 45 मैगावाट है जबकि व्यस्ततम काल के दौरान उपलब्धता 35 मैगावाट के लगभग है ।

Fire in Studios of Doordarshan, Delhi

1302. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there was a mysterious fire in the studios of Doordarshan, Delhi immediately on declaration of the emergency;

(b) if so, whether an enquiry has been conducted into the causes of such a fire and findings thereof, if any;

(c) whether the persons responsible have been punished; and

(d) the extent of loss due to the fire in rupees?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case was investigated by the Crime Branch of Delhi Police. They reported that despite the best efforts no clue to work out the case could be found and they treated the case as untraced.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Approx. Rs. 19,62,620.

Demands of Employees of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

1303. **SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:** Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre at Thumba have submitted any demands to the management for the redressal of their grievances; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The demands, which have been received very recently, relate mainly to service matters, career opportunities, staff welfare and other facilities. They are under examination.

Loss Suffered by H.E.C.

1304. **SHRI SHEO SAMPAT:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loss suffered by the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi since its inception; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA): (a) The cumulative loss suffered by the Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd., Ranchi, since its inception till 31st March, 1976 was Rs. 115.29 crores. The accounts for the year 1976-77 are under compilation.

(b) The slow build up of production was one of the main factors responsible for HEC incurring losses till 1974-75. With the introduction of a number of measures including: systematic production planning and control, preventive maintenance of equipment and installation of balancing equipment, the production of the company has improved. In 1975-76 the company for the first time registered a profit of Rs. 2.14 crores. This trend is likely to be maintained in 1976-77. To further improve the performance of HEC Government is taking steps to reorganise and strengthen the managerial structure of HEC.

Development of a New Port at Pipavav

1305. **SHRI F. P. GAEKWAD:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Engineers India Limited has prepared a report about the possibility of development of a new port with modern facilities at Pipavav on Sauashtra Coast;

(b) whether Port Pipavav has been found to be an ideal on-shore base for off-shore exploration; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the development of port Pipavav for off-shore exploration and for establishing salt based industries?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Report was submitted to the Government of Gujarat.