

**ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री पी० रामचन्द्रन्) :**  
(क) और (ख). बिहार प्राधिकारियों ने सूचित किया है कि जून, 1972 में राज्य विधान सभा में इस आशय का एक संकल्प पास किया था कि बिहार सरकार को कटिहार में एक ताप विद्युत सन्यन्त्र की स्थापना करनी चाहिए।

पतरातू और बरौनी विद्युत केन्द्रों के निर्माणाधीन विस्तार तथा कोइल कारो जल विद्युत परियोजना की स्वीकृति और पूर्वी क्षेत्र के एक सुपर ताप विद्युत केन्द्र की स्थापना करने के केन्द्रीय सरकार के प्रस्ताव को ध्यान में रख कर कटिहार में एक विद्युत केन्द्र की स्थापना के प्रस्ताव को आगे नहीं बढ़ाया गया है।

#### Tannery and Footwear Corporation

5099. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TAFCO (Tannery and Footwear Corporation) is running in loss since it has been taken over by Government from B.I.C.;

(b) if so, the amount of loss during last three years, year-wise and the total accumulated loss incurred since its take over by Government; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. In fact, the Cooper Allen & North West Tannery Unit of B.I.C., now known as Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Limited, was sustaining losses since 1954, and continues to incur losses even after it has been taken over by Government in 1969.

(b) The amount of losses incurred by the Corporation during the last three financial years is as follows:—

Year	Amount of losses
1974-75	Rs. 94.49 lakhs
1975-76	Rs. 55.29 lakhs
1976-77	Rs. 124.75 lakhs

The total accumulated loss incurred by the Corporation since its take over by Government is Rs. 573.80 lakhs.

(c) The main reasons for the losses of the Corporation are as follows:—

(i) Under-utilisation of capacity installed in respect of footwear, due to lack of orders;

(ii) very high over-head costs because of large labour force and excessive staff;

(iii) heavy accumulation of finished stocks for want of adequate marketing/facilities, resulting in high interest burden;

(iv) old and dilapidated plant and equipment affecting productivity and quality and leading to high maintenance cost;

(v) instability in raw material prices resulting in wide fluctuations between the estimated and actual production costs; and

(vi) weak and ineffective management.

#### 'रिजनल पावर ग्रिड' का विकास

5100. श्री एस० आर० दामाणी : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 'रिजनल पावर ग्रिड' के विकास के बारे में नवीनतम स्थिति क्या है; और