

Performance of 120 M. W. Units supplied by BHEL to Chandrapura Thermal Power Station

4925. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) when the first and second Units of 120 MW each, which were supplied by BHEL, were commissioned and put into service in the Chandrapura Thermal Power Station of the D.V.C. and what are the defects experienced in such sets since and cause of the same ;

(b) what steps have been taken to rectify such defects and whether those are working properly after rectification ; and

(c) what is the actual maximum output of each set available for service on stable basis and whether full rated output of the sets is available on stable basis or not ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The first and second units of 120 MW each at Chandrapura Thermal Power Station were commissioned in February, 1974 and March, 1975 respectively. Major defects were noticed in the turbines and generators during the initial operations.

(b) The Manufacturers have been attending to the various defects and most of these defects have been rectified. The units have been recommissioned and are performing satisfactorily.

(c) The units have been loaded upto 100 MW on a stable basis and higher output from these units would be tried when the sets stabilise at the present loading.

Rampur Radio Station

4926. SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) What is the present status of Rampur Radio Station in terms of broadcasting programmes ;

(b) whether Government propose to make Rampur Radio Station as television transmission Centre for benefit of all those areas ;

(c) if so, how much time will be taken to do,so ; and

(d) if not, will the Government consider this proposal during Sixth Five Year Plan itself ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) All India Radio station at Rampur is a full-fledged programme originating station.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to severe constraints on resources and the low priority accorded for the expansion of T. V. in India, it is not possible to consider such a proposal during the Sixth Five Year Plan.

Promotion Prospects in Defence Ranks

4927. SHRI SURENDRABIKRAM :
SHRI A. R. BADRI NARAYAN :
SHRI P. M. SAYEED :

Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) based on his statement on 27-2-79, will the Minister kindly inform as to what sort of congestion in defence ranks he has observed which is under study ;

(b) how soon the study will be completed and what will be the procedure of removing this congestion in ranks ; and

(c) will this need finances also, if so, how much ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) A large number of officers granted commissions in the years following the 1962 conflicts are coming up for promotion to the selection ranks. Due to the limited number of posts available in the selection ranks, a congestion is developing in the ranks of Major in the Army and Squadron Leader in the Air Force.

(b) and (c) . The matter is presently still under examination as to what solutions would be feasible and satisfactory and what financial, administrative and other implications they will involve.

It will take sometime to arrive at final decisions.