

uary, 1980 to the Government of India to rush coal supply to Gujarat otherwise the power stations in Gujarat would be forced to close down;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government; and

(c) the measures adopted by Government for future so that this situation should not arise again?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Several messages have been received from Gujarat from time to time regarding inadequate supply of coal to the thermal Power stations in Gujarat.

(b) and (c). A number of steps have been taken to step up supplies of coal to the thermal power stations. Some of these are follows:—

(i) Coal companies and Railways have been asked to step up coal supplies to power stations in Gujarat.

(ii) Close liaison is being maintained between the Deptt. of Coal, Railways and Deptt. of Power.

(iii) High level inter-ministerial meetings are held periodically to review coal supplies to power stations.

(iv) A control room has been set up in the Railway Board to monitor the coal supplies to power stations on daily basis.

As a result of these steps, while the average monthly coal receipts by thermal power stations in Gujarat during April-Oct., 1979 were 177,000 tonnes, the average monthly receipts for the period November, 79 to January, 80 rose to 218,000 tonnes and further to about 248,000 tonnes in Feb., 1980. The target for supply of coal to power stations in Gujarat has been raised to 300,000 tonnes for March, 1980.

Delay in harnessing Power from Kali River Project of Karnataka

37. SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is inordinate delay in harnessing power from the Kali River Project of Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) when will the power supply from the Kali River Project be made available as per time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) to (c). Kalinadi Hydro Electric Project complex is proposed to be developed in 3 stages. Phase I and Phase II of Stage-I of the Project were sanctioned in 1971 and 1973 respectively. Phase I of stage I envisages installation of 2 units of 135 MW each at Nagjhari Power Station. Of these unit I has been commissioned in December, 1979 and unit II is scheduled for commissioning in June, 1980.

Phase II of Stage I of this project envisages installation of 4 additional units, each of 135 MW at the Nagjhari Power Station and 2 units of 50 MW each at Supa Dam Power House and the construction of Supa Dam. The schedule of commissioning dates for these units are:—

Nagjhari Power Station :

Units 3 & 4	1981-82
Units 5 & 6	1982-83

Supa Dam Power House :

Units 1 & 2	1985-86
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The Stage II has been cleared by the CEA. Techno-economically, and recommended to the Planning Commission for investment approval.

Stage III is under planning by the Karnataka authorities.