

**Power Loss due to Transmission, Distribution and Pilferage**

983. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what was the power generating capacity in the country at the end of 1979;

(b) what is the estimate of power loss due to transmission, distribution and pilferage, respectively, and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for improving the capacity utilisation of the existing power plants and increasing the power generation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) The total installed generation capacity in the country at the end of December, 1979 was 29499 MW of which 27181 MW is in utilities.

(b) The power loss due to transmission, distribution and pilferage of electricity in the country during the year 1978-79 was 19146 MU which represents 19.81 per cent of the total energy available for supply in the country. It is not practicable to assess separately the power loss due to transmission, distribution and pilferage.

(c) A number of short-term and long-term measures have been and are being taken to improve the capacity utilisation of the thermal plants and to improve the power availability in the country.

*Short-term Measures*

(i) Maximising generation from the existing installed capacity in the Central Sector. State Governments have also been advised to similarly maximise generation from their installed capacity.

(ii) Expediting commissioning of new generation capacity in the Central Sector, and advising

the States to take similar steps.

(iii) Monitoring of coal stocks at thermal power stations and ensuring availability of coal.

(iv) Transfer of power from surplus to deficit areas.

(v) Arranging supply of spare parts from indigenous and foreign suppliers.

*Long-term Measures*

(i) Additions of about 17,122 MW of new generating capacity in utilities has been planned for installation during the period 1976-83, of which about 3000 MW has already been commissioned during 1978-79.

(ii) Training of engineers for operation and maintenance of power stations.

(iii) Identification of deficiencies in design, equipment etc. and taking up a project renovation programme for rectification/replacement etc. at a number of power stations.

**बन्द पड़ी कोयला खानें**

984 श्री नरसिंह नकषाना : क्या ऊर्जा और सिंचाई तथा कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि बन्द पड़ी कोयला खानों की संख्या कितन हैं और उनको पुनः खोलने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

ऊर्जा तथा सिंचाई और 'कोयला मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनो खान जोषरी) : कोल इंडिया लि० और मिगरेनी कोलियरीज कं० लि० की 415 खानों में से 15 खाने बन्द हैं । इनमें से 13 खाने तो भण्डार समाप्त हो जाने के कारण बन्द की गई थी । अन्य मामलों में कोयले के परिवहन के लिए आधारभूत सुविधाएं न होने के कारण खाने बन्द की गई थी ।

**Suggestions from Delhi State Employees Federation for Delinking of Newspapers**

985. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Station Employees Federation