

Project	Capacity	Present status
<i>Thermal Projects</i>		
Birsinghpur Thermal Power Project	420 MW	This project could not be cleared as the coal available from the nearby sources is of good quality and it is considered advisable to conserve it in the national interest and not use it for power generation. Further consideration of this project can be given only if some low grade coal seam is located in the vicinity.
2. Vindhychal Thermal Power Project	1000 MW } (3000 MW ultimate) 420 MW }	Considering the several advantages that would accrue, it has been agreed that these power projects would be established in the Central Sector.
3. Pench Thermal Power Project		

### T.V. Station at Kolhapur

2065. SHRI R. S. MANE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether people in Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, Solapur and Ratnagiri will get the facility of T.V.;

(b) if so, by what time; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c). A relay centre at Ratnagiri to relay the programmes of Bombay Doordarshan Kendra has been included in the draft Sixth Plan proposals (1980—85) for expansion of television through microwave links. Its implementation will, however, depend on the approval of the Plan, availability of resources and relative priorities.

Due to constraint on resources, there is no proposal to set up TV Centres at Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara and Solapur in the Sixth Plan.

### Frequent Break Down of Thermal Power Stations in Andhra Pradesh

2066. SHRI K. A. SWAMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the frequent break-down of thermal stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what steps have the Government taken to increase the present low output of thermal stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the full details of thermal power production in Andhra Pradesh giving figures of capacity actual production for 1979 and first half of 1980;

(d) whether Government have any plans to set up a Thermal Plant near Visakhapatnam to serve the growing industrial needs of the area; and

(e) if not, what are the plans to meet future energy requirements of this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The Government is aware of the break-downs of thermal stations in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) A number of measures have been taken to improve the performance of thermal power stations in Andhra Pradesh. The measures taken, include:—

(i) Project renovation programme has been undertaken at