

Power Generation in Santhaldih Thermal Power Plant in West Bengal

9779. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation in the Santhaldih Thermal Power Plant in West Bengal and the capacity utilisation in the last two months with date-wise break-up in details;

(b) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item in the 'Statesman' dated 10th April, 1981 (Calcutta Edition) that the power generation in Santhaldih power plant has decreased due to the labour problems in unloading coal if so, facts in details;

(c) whether it is a fact that the problem arose because of the removal of all old workers in the coal unloading and their substitution by the new workers violating an agreement of 1980; and

(d) whether Government propose intervening into the matter and see that the matter with the coal unloading workers is settled and power generation at Santhaldih saved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Closure of Thermal Power Generating Sets in Gujarat

9780. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JAD-EJA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two thermal power generating sets at Ukai in Gujarat have been shut down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to restart the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Unit No. 2 of 120 MW and Unit No. 4 of 200 MW at Ukai Thermal Power Station were shut down. However, unit No. 4 of 200 MW has come back to service on 28th November, 1980. Unit No. 2 is expected to be back in service before end of May, 1971.

(b) Both the units had to be shut down on account of vibrations developed during restarting of units after shut down for some maintenance works. HP rotors were found to have developed slight bend in both cases.

(c) HP rotors of unit No. 4 has been replaced and the set was recommissioned on 28th November, 1980. Unit No. 2 of 120 MW is expected to come back to service by 31st May, 1981.

Petro-Chemical Companies in India

9781. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JAD-EJA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petro-chemical complex functioning in India, with location;

(b) whether any State Government have approached for the establishment of petro-chemical complex in their State; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETH): (a) There are three petro-chemical complexes functioning; two are in Bombay and one is in Baroda.

(b) Yes, Sir.