

creased requirements of coal due to increase in thermal generation. A number of steps have been taken by the Government to ensure adequate and regular supply of coal to thermal power stations. These steps include :—

- (i) railways have been requested to step up supply of wagons for movement of coal to thermal power stations;
- (ii) close liaison is maintained by the Department of power and Central Electricity Authority with the Department of Coal and Ministry of Railways for monitoring coal supplies to the power stations. High level inter-Ministerial meetings are also held periodically to review coal supplies to power stations, and remedial measures taken;
- (iii) steps are taken to accelerate coal supplies to such of the power stations which have critical coal stocks to ensure that there is no loss of generation due to shortage of coal supplies;
- (iv) in order to reduce avoidable hold up of wagons power stations have been asked to taken steps to ensure expeditious unloading of coal and early release of wagons.

As a result of these measures, the coal supplies to the power stations have improved during the last few months.

#### **Supply of water from Bhakra and Sutlej Beas link project to Haryana**

5782. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that farmers of Haryana are not getting irrigational waters from Bhakra and Sutlej-Beas link project;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

#### **THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) :**

(a) to (c). So far as supplies to Haryana from the river Sutlej are concerned they are getting their full share. During certain period, Haryana was delivered water from river Sutlej even in excess of their share.

As regards supplies out of Ravi-Beas waters, Haryana cannot draw its full share till the construction of Sutlej-Yamuna link canal project is completed. Till such time, Haryana can be given part of its share of Ravi-Beas waters only through Bhakra main line canal which has limited capacity. During the filling period of 21-5-1980 to 20-9-1980 Haryana received short supplies to some extent. During the depletion period of 21-9-1980 to 20-11-1980 Haryana was delivered its share as per the formulations approved by the BBMB. For the period 1-12-1980 to 28-2-1981 Haryana was delivered full quantity of its share as worked out on the basis of the *ad hoc* decision of December 1980 of the Govt. of India.

The Board has also under consideration a proposal to restore the capacity of the Bhakra main line. to its original designed capacity.

Though the issue of sharing of Ravi-Beas waters is being contested before the Supreme Court, efforts are being made to resolve this dispute through good will and discussions.

#### **Offer by Big Industrial Houses to set up power Plant**

5783. SHRI JAI NARAIN ROAT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that big industrial houses have offered to set up power plants in the country during the Sixth Five year plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;