

(b) if so, the type and quantum of products during the last 2 years;

(c) the quantum of power required, supplied and consumed;

(d) the number of persons employed and the amount of over-time allowance paid to staff during the last three years (month-wise break up) ; and

(e) what is the number of unskilled labourers at present working in the plant and how many are from Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Talcher plant went into commercial production with effect from 1-11-1980.

(b) The plant has produced 9231 tonnes of Urea between 1-11-80 and 31-3-81 and 44,840 tonnes of urea between 1-4-81 and 31-10-1981.

(c) The daily requirement of power at full load is 50 MW. Since the plant went into commercial production, it has been supplied its requirements except during the following periods when there was restricted power supply as indicated.

Period	Power Supply in MW
31-5-81 to 2-6-81	12.0
9-6-81 to 11-6-81	25.0
16-11-81 onwards	32.0

(d) The information is given in the attached statement.

(e) 306 out of whom 303 are from Orissa.

STATEMENT

Number of persons employed and over-time allowance paid to staff at Talcher Fertilizer Plant

Year (month-wise)	No. of Persons employed (workmen category)	Amount of overtime Allowance paid (Month-wise)
1	2	3
1979		Rs. in lakhs
January 79	943	1.99
February 79	957	2.03
March 79	972	1.54

	1	2	3
April	79	983	2.21
May	79	983	2.82
June	79	1032	1.59
July	79	1034	2.44
August	79	1034	2.64
Sept.	79	1029	3.24
October	79	1071	2.16
November	79	1061	2.47
December	79	1063	2.28

1980

January	80	1098	1.04
February	80	1100	1.81
March	80	1103	1.82
April	80	1107	0.97
May	80	1108	0.77
June	80	1111	0.71
July	80	1114	1.11
August	80	1115	2.32
September	80	1116	1.91
October	80	1116	3.58
November	80	1132	3.50
December	80	1143	4.39

1981

January	81	1145	3.40
February	81	1145	3.56
March	81	1148	3.25
April	81	1160	3.01
May	81	1156	4.72
June	81	1156	5.22
July	81	1159	4.68
August	81	1165	5.85
September	81	1161	4.66
October	81	1266	3.78

Note : Rs. 7.87 lakhs has been paid due to arrears of wage revision for period 1-1-79 to 31-3-81.

Difficulties Faced by the Different Thermal and Hydel in Augmenting Production

1572. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conference of the Energy Ministers was held in November, 1981 in Delhi;

(b) whether the Conference took into account the difficulties facing the different

thermal and hydel units in augmenting their production and if so, the particulars thereof;

(c) whether as a result of the discussions held, the centre would now be able to come in a big way to give assistance both technical and financial to speed up plant to increase power production in the country; and

(d) if so, the particulars of the extra assistance that will be made available to different power units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the issues discussed were:—

1. Delay in supply of spare parts from BHEL & ILK.
2. Deficiencies in plant and equipment.
3. Supply of appropriate Quality/Quantity of coal.
4. Unsatisfactory financial position of SEBs.
5. Improvements in project management.

(c) and (d) Centre has always been prepared to extend all help for increasing/improving power generation in the country. Respective electricity undertakings will have to meet their financial requirements.

Difficulties Faced By Orissa in Production and Transhipment of Coal and Power Generation

1573. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a State Energy Ministers Conference was called by the Centre in November, 1981 in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the conference considered the difficulties that are being faced by the State of Orissa with regard to the production of coal and its transhipment to other parts of the country and also for the purpose of export; and

(c) if so, the particulars of the shortcomings that are being faced by the State of Orissa to augment power production and the steps or help that the Centre propose to give to solve them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The problems of the different thermal stations including Talcher Thermal Power

Station in Orissa with regard to the quality and quantity of coal supplied to them and the problems of transportation were discussed at the Conference.

(c) A number of reasons for the poor performance of the thermal power stations including Talcher TPS in Orissa have been identified. A number of factors such as deficiencies in lay out, plant and equipment, system engineering, unduly long time taken for planned maintenance as well as on forced outages of the equipment, inadequate availability of spare parts, comparatively longer stabilisation period of the newly commissioned units and poor quality of coal supplies have contributed to a reduction in the utilisation of the existing capacity of the thermal power stations. Various measures have already been initiated to improve the performance of the thermal power stations. These include assistance in identifying the deficiencies in the plant and equipment and undertaking plant betterment programmes, adoption of preventive maintenance techniques for reducing the outage periods, arranging timely supply of spare parts, arranging adequate supplies of coal of suitable quality and the setting up of a task force comprising of representatives of CEA, BHEL, ILK and State Electricity Board to formulate a time bound programme for improving the performance of the 200 MW thermal units.

The Talcher TPS in Orissa has been facing some problems in obtaining adequate quantities of coal during the last few months. The coal supplies to the Talcher TPS are being closely monitored to maximise the generation.

Setting up of Aromatics Complex in Uttar Pradesh

1574. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh Government has repeatedly requested that the proposed Aromatics complex should be located in the State based on Naptha from Mathura Refinery;

(b) whether technicians of Engineers India Ltd. have found U.P. the most suitable place for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P.C. SETHI): (a) to (c) The Government have decided to set up an Aromatics