235. भी वयाराम शाक्य : क्या ऊर्जा मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) क्या सरकार विद्युत संकट से निपटने के लिए विदेशी सहयोग प्राप्त करने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन देशों से यह सहयोग प्राप्त किए जाने का विचार है; ग्रीर
- (ग) इस सम्बन्ध में विदेशों के साथ हुई श्रव तक की बातचीत के क्या परिसाम रहे?

उर्जा मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री: (भी विक्रम महाजन): (क) ग्रीर (ख) विद्युत परियोजनाग्रों के लिए विद्युत उपकरणों की सप्लाई के लिए यू॰ के०, पश्चिम जर्मनी, स्विटजरलैण्ड, इटली, फ्रांस, जापान ग्रीर पोलैण्ड से प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं। कुछ मामलों में परियोजना की वित्त व्यवस्था के लिए सरकारी ऋग, सप्लाई कत्तीग्रों के ऋग श्रीर वागिज्यिक ऋगों की सम्भावनाओं का उल्लेख किया गया है।

(ग) सरकार ने इन प्रस्तावों पर कोई मन्तिम निर्णय नहीं लिया है।

Neyveli Lignite Corporation Contract with German Firm

236. SHRI D.S.A. SIVAPRA-KASHAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Neyveli Lignite Corporation has entered into a contract with a West German firm for consultancy service for second lignite mine; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Rheinbraun Consulting GmbH., of West Germany have been awarded two contracts on the basis of Global tenders as Consultants for the second mine cut project of Neyveli Lignite Corporation on payment of DM 386,000 (Rs. lakhs approximately) DM 26,65,588 (Rs. 1.10 crores approximately) respectively. Under the first contract the Consultants assisted NLC in preparation of Detailed Project Report, tender documents, epuipment specifications and evaluation of tenders and drafting the contracts for supply of specialised mining equipment etc. The scope of work under second contract includes preparation time tables for supply and erection, inspection of the progress manufacture at the supplier's factories, checking the shop-drawings, checking of invoices furnished by the foreign suppliers and to assist NLC in formulating training programmes etc.

Enlarging scope of Postal Life Insurance

237. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend the scope of the Postal Life Insurance to other cates gories of the employees who are presently not eligible;

- (b) the number of Development Officers sanctioned which would be justified to meet the extra load arising out of the widening of the scope of PLI; and
- (c) the minimum number of the posts of Development Officers required to create a separate cadre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-(SHRI YOGENDRA CATIONS MAKWANA) (a) No. Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The posts of Development Officers. (PLI) are selection posts on tenure basis. The question of creating a separate cadre does not arise.

S.E.B.'S Assisted by Task Force during 1981

238. SHRI SUBHASH CHAN-DRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of State Electricity Units that were assisted by the Task Force appointed by the Centre during 1981; and
- (b) to what extent the production increased plant-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) (a) and (b). A task force was set up in December, 1981 to improve the performance of 110/120 MW units and the task force started functioning in January, 1982. It has already

visited Patratu and Harduaganj power stations. As task force was in existance to improve the performance of 200/210 MW units. 19 units of 200/210 MW units were assisted by the task force, out of which 14 units have shown improvement in plant load factor during the period April to December, 1981 as compared to the corresponding period 1980.

A task force has also assisted Bhatinda thermal power station in Punjab, Panipat and Faridabad thermal power stations in Haryana during the year 1980-81 to improve their performance. The work was taken up in March, 1981 and some of the identified problems were solved during the year 1981. There has been some improvement in the capacity utilisation of the above power stations as given below:

	PLF(%) 1980-81	April-December,
Bhatinda	38	4 1
Panipat	34	37
Faridabad	27	28

Besides 21 power stations were visited by the roving monitoring teams of the Central Electricity Authority during the year, out of which, 16 power stations have shown improvement in capacity utilisation ranging from 4 per cent to 20 per cent during the period April to December, 1981. The names of the stations and plant load factor during April to December 1980 and 1981 are given in attached statement.