

Designing of equipments supplied to MPSEB

4870. SHRI B. R. NAHATA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) on what basis of caloric heat of coal the equipments supplied to Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board and other State Electricity Boards were designed;

(b) what has been the quality of coal in terms of caloric value that has been supplied to the various Electricity Boards as against the designed quality of coal;

(c) what has been the ash content of coal supplied to these Electricity Boards;

(d) whether it is a fact that because of bad quality of coal the equipment of power generation is creating troubles and causing loss of power generation, if so, to what extent; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government of India in this respect in supply of proper quality of coal to the power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The Thermal Power Stations under different State Electricity Boards including Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board are designed keeping in view the anticipated caloric value of coal to be made available from the sources linked by Standing Linkage Committee (SLC) set up by the Department of Coal.

(b) The quality of coal being supplied to various thermal power stations in terms of caloric value falls in the range of 2000 K. Cal/Kg-5500 K. Cal/kg. against their design requirements of gross caloric value falling in the range of 3600 K. cal/kg.-5500 K. cal/kg.

(c) The ash content of coal supplied to the power stations falls in the range of 25 per cent to 45 per cent.

(d) Inferior quality of coal can cause operational problems as well as loss of generation. However, it is difficult to quantify the losses of generation caused exclusively on account of the quality of coal.

(e) Various steps such as installation of coal handling plants/screening plants/picking belts/crushers at the open cast coal mines to ensure supply of sized coal free from shales, stones etc., posting of representatives at the defaulting collieries; have been/are being taken. Besides, beneficiation of non-coking coal for supply of washed coal to Thermal Power Stations is under study. The quality of coal supply to thermal power stations is continuously monitored by the Ministry of Energy and the Railways.

Loss incurred by Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri

4871. SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited in Pimpri has incurred a loss of about Rs. 17 crores this year due to under-utilisation of installed capacity and lack of quality control; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIL SINGH): (a) The accounts for the year 1981-82 will be finalised only after the end of the financial year. Hindustan Antibiotics Limited however incurred a net loss of Rs. 639.47 lakhs during 1980-81 and the reasons for the losses have been indicated in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4697 dated 23-3-1982.

(b) Some of the steps proposed to be taken to improve the performance and to reduce losses are:

(i) Revision of prices taking into account the increases in input costs.

(ii) Replacement of existing old equipments which have not been replaced for a number of years;

(iii) Introduction of modern management techniques for plant maintenance.