

(c) whether similar drastic power cuts for industries had also to be resorted to in different other States; and

(d) if so, what was the extent of power cuts imposed in each State during the current year so far; and what is Government's reaction to augmenting power supply therein?

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

(a) and (b). Rajasthan has been facing power shortage due to the outage of both the units of Rajasthan atomic Power Station from 4th March to 27th June, 1982. In order to bridge the gap between the demand and availability the State has imposed power restrictions on various categories of consumers including 30 to 100 per cent cut on non-priority HT industries, 20 to 75 per cent cut on priority HT industries, 20 to 50% cut on medium industries. The above power cuts varied on day to day basis depending upon the availability.

Keeping in view the acute power shortage in Rajasthan, assistance has been rendered to Rajasthan from Central Sector Badarpur thermal power station to the extent of 79.75 MU in March, 1982, 82.57 MU in April, 1982, 70.30 MU in May, 1982, 57.41 MU in June, 1982. However distribution of the available power among the various categories of consumers including industries is the primary responsibility of the State Government.

(c) No other State in the country is having power cuts of similar magnitude on industries as in Rajasthan.

(d) The details of power cuts imposed in various States during April-June, 1982 are given in the statements laid on the table of the House [Placed in Library. See No.

LT 4293/82]. In order to improve the power availability in the various States a number of Steps have been taken. These measures include :

- (i) Accelerated addition to new generating capacity to the extent of 3500 MW during 1982-83;
- (ii) Assistance to the State Government and State Electricity Boards to improve the capacity utilisation and performance of existing thermal generating units;
- (iii) Arranging assistance from surplus States to the energy deficit States.

Agra-Gwalior-Jabalpur Co-Axial Scheme

1885. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state what decision has been taken in the light of the survey carried out for the proposed Agra-Gwalior-Jabalpur Co-axial scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : The Scheme has been approved in principle. Detailed survey is in progress.

Linking of Gwalior with New Delhi TAX

1886. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to link Gwalior with New Delhi TAX and for providing STD facility between Gwalior and the Capital has been examined ; and

(b) whether the same has not been considered feasible, economic or