

### Millmen Laid Due To Off Power Cut In Tamil Nadu

8581. SHRI T.S. NEGI will the Ministry of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is correct that 83000 millmen were laid off due to total power cut in Tamil Nadu (Economic Times 7-1-83) and if so, what were the remedial steps taken and the present position ; and

(b) what is the total State-wise estimated shortage of power in the country at present and projected for 1990 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The report has been seen in the Economic Times of 7-1-1983. However it is difficult to say that 83000 millmen were laid off due to total power cut. It is, however, correct that Tamil Nadu had imposed 100% cut on HT industries up to 13-1-1983.

To over-cum the power crisis in Tamil Nadu following measures were taken to improve the power availability :

- (i) Bottlenecks in coal supply to Tuticorin Thermal Power Station from Haldia Port were resolved.
- (ii) Additional quantity of oil was offered to Tamil Nadu to maximise generation.
- (iii) Neyveli Lignite Corp., was asked to maximise the generation,

With these steps the power supply position in Tamil Nadu eased considerably and power cuts were relaxed. At present 15 to 75% demand cut and 15 to 60% energy cut are enforced in Tamil Nadu. The power position in Tamil Nadu will improve after the onset of monsoon in June, 1983.

(b) The position of shortage (estimated in various States during the month of March, 1983, is given in the attached statement.

Based on the forecast of demand made in the Eleventh Annual Power Survey and the on-going/sanctioned power projects, the energy shortage in the year 1989-90 on All India basis is anticipated to be of the order of 6. 7%. The forecast made in the Eleventh Annual Power Survey is optimistic in character. Further, 1989-90 is too distant a time to assess precisely the availability of energy versus demand. The picture will depend on a variety of factors, such as the development of the various sectors of the economy, achievement of programme of Commissioning of power projects, availability of funds, availability of key in-puts in power sector, etc.

#### Statement

Estimated % shortage/surplus of electric power in various States during March, 1983.

Name of States	Shortage% Surplus*
1. Haryana	+6.9
2. Himachal Pradesh	+2.0
3. J&K	2.5
4. Punjab	6.2
5. Rajasthan	24.0
6. U.P.	7.2
7. Delhi	18.6
8. Chandigarh	23.5
9. Gujarat	+4.2
10. Madhya Pradesh	+6.8
11. Maharashtra incl. Goa	10.2
12. Andhra Pradesh	+6.0
13. Karnataka	17.1
14. Kerala	21.6
15. Tamil Nadu incl. Pondicherry	28.9
16. Bihar	23.6
17. West Bengal	18.5
18. D.V.C.	14.6
19. Orissa	11.2
20. Sikkim	—
21. N.E. Region	9.7
22. All India	10.3

\*Provisional figures.