

The total reserves of coal are estimated at 8,480 million tonnes, which are located in the Central India Coal fields of Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh generates 177 MW of hydro and 800 MW of thermal power at present. During the Fifth Plan, it is proposed to add 186 MW hydro and 1,180 MW of thermal capacity.

**Production of fertilizers hit due to shortage of Power**

7940. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of fertilizers has been hit due to the shortage of power in the country; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the positive steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A production loss of about 40,000 tonnes of Nitrogen in 1971-72 and about 60,000 tonnes of nitrogen during 1972-73 was sustained on account of power cuts, voltage fluctuations/dips etc. Efforts are being continued to (i) secure exemption for the fertilizer industry from power cuts imposed by the concerned authorities; and (ii) ensure stability of the power systems.

**Central help for Srisaillam**

7941. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY:

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the editorial under the heading "Central Help for Srisaillam" in the Hindu,

(b) whether the Central Government propose to treat this vital power project on par with the Kalinadi Project in Mysore for suitable assistance outside the Plan to enable its early completion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the case of Kalinadi Stage I Project in Mysore, the Centre agreed to finance the project only during the Fourth Plan period in order to enable the State to bring the Project into operation in the first half of the Fifth Five Year Plan. The State is expected finance the Scheme during the Fifth Plan period. The question of financing Srisaillam Project during the Fourth Plan period by the Centre will have to be examined among other relevant considerations from the point of view of the States' ability to finance it within the State Plan during the Fifth Plan period.

**Setting up of Captive Power Generation Plants by Private Industrial Units**

7942. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY:

SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to permit and encourage Private Industrial Units to set up Captive Power generation plants; and

(b) if so, what incentives are proposed to be given to initiate and accelerate this practice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b). As a measure of better energy utilisation, Govern-