

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT) :

(a) to (d). Every effort is being made to maintain coal supplies to meet the full generation requirements of the different power stations. While the stocks of coal in some of the power stations have often gone down to precariously low levels of 1—2 days' requirements, no power station, except in one or two cases, had to shut down or restrict generation for reasons of non-availability of coal.

Consumption of Coal in Thermal Plants

2621. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NCST Committee has estimated that 160,000 tonnes of fuel oil can be saved if the thermal stations at Trombay, Dhuvaran, Ahmedabad and Barauni switch over to coal ;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has also stated that with better efficiency in administration, even the coal consumption in these thermal plants can be reduced ; and

(c) whether Government have considered the suggestion of the Committee and if so, whether any plan has been drawn up for planned change over ?

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(a) to (c). The National Committee on Science and Technology has not made any assessment of the quantity of fuel oil that can be saved by conversion of the thermal power stations at Trombay, Dhuvaran, Ahmedabad and Barauni from oil to coal firing or ways of reducing coal consumption. NCST have prepared a Working paper on Energy crisis in which a suggestion has been made that industrial boilers using fuel oil should be converted to coal burning. A Working Group has been set up by the Planning Commission for drawing up a plan of action for reducing fuel

oil consumption after ensuring availability of coal and its transport to the power stations. The Working Group has not yet completed its assignment. Independent of the suggestion mentioned above it has been decided that the following units should be converted from oil to coal firing :—

Name of power station	Installed capacity of units to be converted (MW)	
(i) Barauni (Bihar)	2 × 15 MW 2 × 50 MW	} 130 MW
(ii) Ahmedabad (Gujarat)	4 × 15 MW 2 × 30 MW	
(iii) Trombay (Maharashtra)	2 × 62.5 MW	125-MW
(iv) Dhuvaran (Gujarat)	4 × 63.5 MW	= 254 MW

Action has been initiated on this direction.

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(क) इस समय पूर्व रेलवे में ऐसे कितने कर्मचारी हैं जो गन 5 वर्ष से भी अधिक समय तक काम करने में बावजूद अस्थायी हैं, और

(ख) उन कर्मचारियों को स्थायी करने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

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(ख) जहाँ मौजिल्य है, अस्थायी पदों को स्थायी बनाने तथा उन पर पात्र कर्मचारियों के स्थायीकरण के लिए एक विशेष अभियान चलाया गया है।

हस्ताक्षरों तथा प्रदर्शनों के अस्तित्वपूर्ण पूर्व रेलवे की सम्पत्ति को बहुवी क्षति

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(क) रेल कर्मचारियों द्वारा हस्ताक्षरों तथा अन्य राजनीतिक प्रार्थोत्पत्तियों के अस्तित्वपूर्ण विषय में वर्षों से पूर्व रेलवे की सम्पत्ति को कितनी क्षति पहुँची और