

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI T. A. PAI):** (a) It is very difficult to assess precisely the estimated loss in industrial production due to power rationing alone because the production losses are generally due to a number of constraints such as labour disputes, power shortage, non-availability of adequate furnace oil, shortage of imported and indigenous raw materials, lack of finance, slackness in demand etc. The production in the following industries in West Bengal is reported to have been affected as a result of power rationing in the state:

- (1) Electrode.
- (2) Midget Electrode
- (3) Cinema Arc Carbon.
- (4) Electrical & Tele-communication equipment.
- (5) Steel castings and forgings.
- (6) Iron & Steel tools.
- (7) Tanned hides & Leather footwear.

(b) Data about the loss in the earnings of workers and employees on account of power rationing is not compiled.

#### Generation of Power in Current Year

357. **SHRI S. R. DAMANI:**

**SHRI BHARAT SINGH CHOWHAN:**

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:**

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power generation in the current year separately for thermal, hydel and atomic sources and their comparative position last year;

(b) States which were subjected to power cuts from time to time and the extent of cut as percentage of normal supply and actual demand; and

(c) the reasons thereof and when the position is likely to improve?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDHESHWAR PRASAD):** (a) The figures of gross generation, in million units, in the country as a whole for the years 1973 and 1974 are given below:—

	1974	1973
Hydro	28130.0	26055.1
Thermal	37371.0	34483.7
Nuclear	2107.0	2068.5

(b) Power cuts in various States have been varying from time to time depending upon availability and demand. The power cuts in force at present are given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-8921/75].

(c) The main reason for power shortage in the country is the shortfall in additions to the generating capacity to meet the growing load demands. The failure of monsoons in various parts of the country has further aggravated the position.

The Ministry of Energy have taken a number of steps both by way of maximising generation from existing plants as well as accelerating the progress of projects under construction. With these measures there is already improvement in power position particularly in the Eastern Region and it is expected that the position would further improve in due course.

#### Industrial Production in 1974

358. **SHRI S. R. DAMANI:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the trend of industrial production in 1974, major industry-wise with comparative figures of the previous two years;