

(b) if so, what are the matters discussed in that meeting?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). The Conference of Governors was held in New Delhi on 4th and 5th April, 1975. The Governors discussed the political and administrative situation in the States as well as the general economic situation in the country.

Savings in Plan and Non-Plan Expenditure

8225. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has examined the plan and non-plan expenditure with a view to effect savings during the current year; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The Plan for the current year has been finalised only recently, keeping in view the need for stepping up outlay in crucial sectors of the economy and avoiding provision for inessential schemes. As such, the question of examining it with a view to effect savings does not arise at this stage.

As for non-plan expenditure, the Central and State Governments have already adopted a number of economy measures. The effect of these measures as well as the further economies considered feasible has been taken into account in assessing the resources for the Plan for the current year.

Share of Surplus Power by Rajasthan with other States

8226. SHRI D. D. DESAI:

SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan is surplus in power;

(b) whether it has refused to share its surplus power with the other States; and

(c) if so, its impact on national grid?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) With the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project generating power normally, Rajasthan has some surplus energy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Balyogi's Wife Acting as CIA Agent

8227. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent news item entitled, 'Balyogi's wife acting as CIA agent' published in a local daily; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) and (b). Government

have seen some press reports regarding alleged association of Bal Yogeshwar's wife with the C.I.A.

Utmost vigilance is maintained in regard to the activities of foreign intelligence agencies, including the C.I.A.

Linking up Rajasthan Atomic Power Project and Satpura and Chambal Power systems with Bhakra Complex

8228. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been urged against the linking up of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project and the Satpura and Chambal power systems with the Bhakra complex in the interest of industries in Rajasthan State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Rajasthan Chambers of Commerce and Industry had represented against the decision to operate the RAPP in parallel with the B.M.B. and Chambal-Satpura Systems. However, after considering the technical advice, and the various advantages of such parallel operations to all the parties, these systems were integrated on the 27th January 1975.

Probe into breakdowns at Bhatinda Thermal Plant

8229. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to conduct a probe into frequent breakdowns at the Bhatinda Thermal Plant; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The Central Government does not have any such proposal.

(b) The performance is considered reasonably satisfactory for a newly commissioned plant, in comparison with similar units commissioned recently in the country.

Production of Cars

8230. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any fall in the production of cars in the country during the last three years; and

(b) if so, steps taken to fully utilise the installed capacity of car manufacturing units and reduce car price and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) The production of cars in the country during the last three years has been as shown hereunder:—

1972	..	40039
1973	..	42467
1974	..	36756

(b) The fall in production in 1974 has been largely due to reduced off-takes as a result of increase in car prices as well as in costs of operation and maintenance. Steps by which installed capacity could be fully utilised are under examination.