

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.