

(b) whether in view of the present sluggish demand there is rethinking to drop any of these proposals; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P MAUR-YA):** (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10725/76].

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Finalisation of Annual Plan Document for 1976-77**

**2827. SHRI S. R. DAMANI:** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present economic situation in the country is favourable to make plans for the future;

(b) if so, when the current plan document will be finalised; and

(c) whether State Governments have been given green signal to go ahead with the plan for 1976-77 with definite financial commitments communicated to them?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Annual Plan document for 1976-77 is under finalisation and the same will be presented to the Lok Sabha in the current session.

(c) The allocations for the Annual Plans of the States for 1976-77 have been finalised and the State Governments have started implementing their respective plans from 1st April, 1976.

**Appointment of a Committee to augment Power Generation**

**2828. DR. K. L. RAO:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the targets for power generation in 1980, 1990 and 2000 A.D.;

(b) if the present pace of adding power is insufficient, what measures are proposed to be taken to avoid the power shortage in the vital years of this century;

(c) is it a fact that the electrical power is the best tool to achieve prosperity and create employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a Committee of experts to make practical suggestions to augment power generation, having regard to various restraint, including finance?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):** (a) Targets for power generation are fixed only for a Plan period, and thus no targets have yet been determined for 1980, 1990 and 2000 A.D. However, estimates of demand for power up to 1990-91 have been made in the Fuel Policy Committee Report. According to these estimates, in 1983-84, the total generation required would be between 1988 and 211 billion kwh and in 1990-91, between 385 and 398 billion kwh

(b) To avoid power shortages in the future, the following main steps would need to be taken:—

(1) Accurate estimation of demand for power in the future.

(2) Implementation of projects for generating power in accordance with the estimated demand and keeping the gestation period in view

(3) Adequate provision of funds, material and management inputs to ensure implementation of projects on schedule.

(4) Provision of the required transmission and distribution