

**Legislation on Agricultural Workers**

\*9. SHRI L. RAMANA :  
SHRI MADAN PATIL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal under their consideration to enact a legislation for the welfare of agricultural workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be passed;

(d) the reasons for the delay in this regard;

(e) whether the Government also propose to set up labour committees to attend to the urgent needs of the agricultural workers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame worked out therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Proposal for enacting a comprehensive law providing for regulation of employment and conditions of service of agricultural workers and for establishing of a welfare fund for financing various welfare activities has been drawn up. Final decision on the proposal has not yet been taken and the same is under Government's consideration. Efforts

are being made to finalise a Bill on the subject and introduce it in the Parliament at the earliest.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

**Annual Plan Funds**

\*10. SHRI AYYANA PATRUDU :  
DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Power Undertakings are not fully utilising their annual plan funds resulting in delays and cost overruns;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action being taken against them;

(d) the funds earmarked and utilised by them during the last three years; and

(e) the target fixed for capacity addition in generation of power for 1996-97 and the target achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) The year-wise plan outlay and actual expenditure of CPSUs engaged in project construction activities during the last three years is as follows:—

	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
	Plan Outlay	Exp.	Plan Outlay	Exp.	Plan Outlay	Exp.
NTPC	2643.55	2519.54	1700.74	1572.25	1949.89	1251.89
NHPC	1277.91	833.82	1337.69	889.20	1136.02	494.54
PGCIL	1110.75	935.56	1515.84	1470.71	1500.00	1557.05
DVC	506.04	272.44	329.00	250.00	408.00	180.50
THDC	160.00	132.64	211.17	147.17	170.00	170.00
NJPC	566.33	416.04	530.00	415.01	521.17	496.13
NEEPCO	522.01	546.31	498.40	458.08	336.40	179.55

The year-wise allocation of funds for the CPSUs is decided on the basis of expected scope of work, likely sources of financing such works and future planning for new projects. The plan outlays are thus indicative. The actual expenditure depends upon the physical progress of the on-going works, approval of new schemes, ability of the CPSUs to raise the requisite funding, availability of funds in the capital market etc. The progress of fund utilisation is being monitored on a regular basis to avoid any slippages in the physical targets.

(e) The capacity addition for power was 1691.40 MW as against the target of 2868.50 MW during the year 1996-97 out of this, the target for the Central Sector was 817.50 MW and the achievement thereof was 703.50 MW.

#### Satellite Programme

\*11. SHRI ANANTH GANGARAM GEETE :  
SHRI B.L SHANKAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the chronological sequence of various INSAT Satellites launched by the Indian Space and Research Organisation (ISRO) as on October 31, 1997;

(b) the success rate in respect of each of these satellites;

(c) operational failures, if any, in those INSAT satellites and the reasons therefor;

(d) the total financial outlay involved;

(e) whether the technological and other benefits from these INSAT launched have been quantified;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of new generation satellite programmes presently in process with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) :

(a) INSAT-1A	—	launched on 10.04.1982
INSAT-1B	—	launched on 30.08.1983
INSAT-1C	—	launched on 22.07.1988

INSAT-1D	—	launched on 12.06.1990
INSAT-2A	—	launched on 10.07.1992
INSAT-2B	—	launched on 23.07.1993
INSAT-2C	—	launched on 07.12.1995
INSAT-2D	—	launched on 04.06.1997
(b) INSAT-1A	—	Failed in September, 1982.
INSAT-1B	—	Worked successfully for more than 7 years exceeding its design life.
INSAT-1C	—	Suffered a loss of about 50 per cent of its capacity with 10 days of its launch. It worked for about 16 months with the remaining capacity and was declared a Total Loss after that period.
INSAT-1D	—	Currently operational and exceeded its design life.
INSAT-2A	—	Operated successfully for more than 5.5 years and is now in an inclined orbit mode of operations.
INSAT-2B	—	Presently providing services since its launch.
INSAT-2C	—	Presently providing services since its launch.
INSAT-2D	—	Failed in orbit on October 5, 1997.

(c) INSAT-1A failed due to a complex interplay of minor anomalies leading to a loss of the propellants. INSAT-1C developed a short in one of the power bus in its sequential shunt unit and operated with half the power for about 1.5 years. Due to the loss of redundancies in the bus system and also due to the difficulties in the management of the thermal regime, the satellite lost its attitude and could not be recovered. INSAT-2D developed a massive short-circuit in one of the power bus which led to the jamming of the solar array, complex thermal problems and depletion of the propellant.