

SHRI MADHUKAR SIRPOTDAR : This question should be answered as to how many out of 54 are alive. ...*(Interruptions)*

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : How many Indian workers in the Gulf countries are in jail? Are you thinking of providing any legal assistance to them? You can answer both the questions. *(Interruptions)*

*[Translation]*

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have asked the number of persons died out of these 54 soldiers.

SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, with regard to the question raised by hon'ble Member, the reply which I have given is that despite repeated requests we are not getting satisfactory reply. We have tried a lot we are not getting the reply from Pakistan even on humanitarian grounds.

*[English]*

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : How many soldiers are there?

SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : We cannot tell because they do not tell us.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*[English]*

### Appraisal of Unemployment Situation

\*306. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :  
SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made any appraisal regarding unemployment situation in the country at the end of the Eighth Plan period both in organised and unorganised sectors.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of jobs created as against the target fixed during the Eighth Plan period both in the organised and unorganised sectors;

(d) the number of unemployed persons likely to be added during the Ninth Plan period; and

(e) the strategy formulated for providing employment to the maximum number of job seekers during the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Unemployment in the country as per Usual Principal Status (UPS), is estimated to be 9.0 million as on 1st January, 1994.

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan envisaged 8 to 9 million annual addition in employment opportunities during the period 1992-93 to 1996-97 in the organised and unorganised sectors taken together. The addition to employment during 1987-88 to 1993-94 was 43.91 million on Usual Principal Status basis. This implies an average addition of 7.3 million employment opportunities per annum.

(d) The projections for the Ninth Plan have not been finalised.

(e) The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under-employment.

### Delayed Projects

\*307. SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether 60 of Mega public sector projects are running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the names of such projects;

(c) whether their costs have been escalated by more than 35%;

(d) if so, the details of cost escalated in each case and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to complete the projects in schedule time period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) As per information available, 25 out of 45 mega projects costing Rs. 1000 crores and above constituting 55.5 per cent of the total number of projects, are running behind schedule.

(b) and (d) Details are given in Col. 1 & 2 in the enclosed statement respectively.

(c) The overall cost overrun in the 25 delayed projects with respect to their approved latest costs is of the order of 21.9%.

(e) Monthly as well as quarterly monitoring by this Department, interaction with the concerned Departmental Secretaries for ensuring proper steps to avoid delays by suppliers, vendors as also monitoring by the concerned

Departmental Secretaries in respect of these projects undertaken by PSUs under their charge is also requested and pursued. Periodic reviews with the concerned Departmental Secretaries by the Cabinet Secretariat and in respect of some important core sectors by the Prime Minister's Office has also been undertaken. Co-ordination and help to project authorities in respect of matters pertaining to State Governments concerned, have also been undertaken wherever needed. Corrective measures suggested should help in overcoming delays in implementation of these projects.

### Statement

#### Delayed Mega Project (As on 1.6.98)

Sr. No.	Project Name- State/Agency	Cost (Rs. Crores)		% cost overrun w.r.t. Latest Cost	D.O.C		Reasons for cost overrun	Steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Govt. to complete projects in time
		Latest Approved	Now Anticipated		Latest Approved (Year/ Month)	Anticipated (Year/ Month)		
1.	Rajasthan Atomic Power Project. NPC Rajasthan	2107.00	2107.00	0.0	1997/05	2000/06	No cost overrun	Vendors and suppliers are being chased to supply balance material.
2.	Kaiga Atomic Power NPC, Karnataka	2275.00	2275.00	0.0	1998/11	1999/10	No cost overrun	Vendors and suppliers are being chased to supply balance material.
3.	Dudhichua OC Phase-I NCL, M.P./U.P.	868.93	1149.04	32.2	1998/03	2001/03	General escalation, on account of delay in latest land acquisition, etc.	World Bank Loan is being expedited, State Government of U.P/N.P are being persuaded to release balance forest Land.
	Expansion of Mine-I NLC, T.N.	1336.93	1406.84	5.2	1996/10	2000/04	General cost escalation, increase in cost of equipment etc.	Ministry of Cost, Finance and Planning Commission have been asked to resolve local currency problem.
5.	Thermal Power Station-I Expn NLC, T.N.	1590.58	1618.68	1.6	2001/03	2002/03	General escalation.	Ugite Corporation has been asked to expedite award of contract for man and other packages, Ministry of Railways has been asked to retrace the track.
6.	Steel Plant Modernisation Durgapur, S.A. W.B.	2667.60	4867.03	82.4	1993/04	1998/03	General cost escalation, exchange rate variation, change in custom and excise duties, modification in design etc.	Project has since been completed
7.	Steel Plant Modernisation Rourkela S.A. Orissa.	3954.00	5112.13	28.3	1995/12	1999/10	General cost escalation exchange rate variation, change in custom and excise duties, modification in design etc.	Balance equipment supplies for hot strip metal shop are being expedited.
8.	Modern of Bokaro Steel-I Charabid, Bihar, S.A.	1792.80	2235.45	24.7	1987/07	1998/03	General cost escalation exchange rate variation, change in custom and excise duties, modification in design etc.	Balance equipment imported and indigenous supplies are being expedited.
9.	Gandhar Petrochemicals Ranch, Gujarat	3484.37	3895.00	0.6	1998/10	1999/12	General escalation.	IFCI asked to resolve the C/C processing plant problem

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10.	U.P. Petro Chemical Amiya, U.P., Gae.	2941.48	2980.23	- 11.9	1998/12	1998/08	Cost saving	Delay in supplies are being chased.
11.	Upgradation of HBJ Pipeline Gujarat/U.P., Gae.	2376.00	2376.00	0.0	1997/07	998/03	No cost overrun.	Project has since been substantially completed.
12.	Visakh. REF. Expansion HPCL, A.P.	999.26	1138.02	13.9	1998/12	1998/09	Inadequate cost estimation, and general escalation.	Equipment suppliers are being chased and pending items are being reawarded.
13.	Kandla-Bhatinda Pipe Line IOC, Gujarat, Rajasthan.	917.55	2391.84	160.7	1995/06	1998/06	General escalation, and change in specification etc.	Project nearly completed.
14.	Paripat Ref. Project IOC, Maryana	3668.00	3694.20	- 4.5	1997/08	1998/10	No cost overrun.	Defaulting vendors and contractors are being chased.
15.	Mathura FEF. EC. Process IOC, U.P.	1041.00	1041.00	0.0	1999/12	2000/02	No cost overrun.	Initially delayed contracts are being expedited.
16.	Oil Refinery at Numaligarh NRL Assam	1930.00	2497.40	53.5	1997/10	1998/12	Delay in award, change in specification and general escalation.	Award and supplies are being expedited.
17.	2nd Bassen Hazra Pipeline ONGC, Orhware	2864.72	2864.72	0.0	1998/07	1998/03	No cost overrun.	Project is substantially completed.
18.	Gandhara Dev. PH-II ONGC, Gujarat	1245.82	1441.82	15.8	1998/05	1998/06	General escalation, increase in excise duties and customs.	Project is nearing completion.
19.	Maia TPP, DVC Barkur, W.B.	1989.14	1989.14	0.0	1998/03	1998/09	No further cost overrun	Balance work of Unit II are being expedited.
20.	Kathaguri GB CC PP Neepco, Assam	1347.57	1347.57	0.0	1998/03	1998/07	The actual expenditure has marginally exceeded the approved cost.	Balance works of ST-II are being expedited.
21.	Ranganadi HEP Neepco, Anunachal Pradesh	675.74	1024.10	51.6	1997/07	2000/09	Delayed start due to land acquisition and damage by rains and floods	Close monitoring of critical works (viz. HRT, Dam etc).
22.	Dhauliwaga H.E.P., I NHPC, U.P.	601.98	1881.49	212.6	1998/10	2004/08	Delayed start due to lands constraints and disturbances by land owners	Funds tied up and work is progressing now.
23.	Tahn Dam H.P.P. THOCL, U.P.	2963.66	2963.66	0.0	1998/03	2000/09	No escalation reported	The report of the MIC for rehabilitation is under examination of the Govt.
24.	Nailpa Jharkh H.E.P. NHPC, H.P.	4337.95	7217.05	66.4	1998/12	2002/03	Delayed start due to non- availability of land, rock slides, geological problems and fish floods and landslides	Rate of progress is being closely monitored.
25.	Nailpa Jharkh Tr. System PGCL, H.P.	689.95	1347.43	51.4	1998/04	1998/10	Delayed to match with HEP	Tr. works being delayed to match with general projects.

REF	—	Refinery Total
H.E.P.	—	Hydro Electric Project
TPP	—	Thermal Power Project
MODRN	—	Modernisation
MIC	—	Interministerial Coordination
DOC	—	Date of Completion