

need to appoint an Enquiry Committee to look into its technical and administrative aspects and suggest suitable improvements. The Central Government should issue directives for early completion of Kahalgaon Power House. Steps should also be taken to set up Thermal Power Plant at Karanpura. But in spite of all these, the shortage of power will be there. Therefore, Bihar State needs an atomic power station. I, therefore, request the Centre to sanction a new atomic power station to this backward State.

[English]

(viii) Need to introduce Telugu programmes in the network programme of Doordarshan

SHRI G. BHOOPATHY (Peddapalli) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, Telugu is one of the popular languages of the country. It is the medium of Karnatic music. It is the soul of Bharata Natyam. In addition to six crores of people living in Andhra Pradesh, there are a large number of people who speak this language in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra. In metropolitan cities like Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta, where they are in thousands, Telugu language speaking people are next only to Hindi speaking people in number.

In spite of these facts, there is not even a single telecast by Doordarshan on its network programme. No effort, whatsoever, was made in the past to telecast programmes in Telugu which happens to be one of the sweetest languages on the earth. By ignoring this language, Doordarshan has ignored the soul of Indian culture especially South Indian culture.

Hence I request the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to introduce the Telugu programmes on network programme of Doordarshan for the benefit of the millions of people.

12.31 hrs.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL)
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[English]

(i) Ministry of Energy—Contd.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now, the House will take up further discussion and voting on the Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministry of Energy.

Shri Motilal Singh.

I have requested the Hon. Members to be very brief.

[Translation]

SHRI MOTI LAL SINGH (Sidhi) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the other day, I was speaking on the Bandhav Thermal Power Station. A proposal was sent by the Madhya Pradesh Government to the Central Government but it has not yet been approved. Similarly the proposal of Mand Thermal Power Station is also pending with the Central Government for its approval. It is pending because a decision has yet to be taken as from which mine coal should be supplied there. If these two proposals are approved, the problem of electricity in Madhya Pradesh will be solved to a great extent.

12.32 hrs.

[SHRI SOMNATH RATH *in the chair*]

To set up these power stations and to provide electricity to the rural areas some forests are to be cut and for this purpose the Forest Preservation Act has to be amended to make it more flexible. I would, therefore, request you to consider this matter and initiate action thereon.

The Vindhya Super Thermal Power Station is under construction, but the persons displaced from that area have neither been given adequate compensation nor have been allotted land for construction of their houses. The people are much distressed. They will remain distressed unless they are rehabilitated. Our late Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi while speaking during laying of foundation-stone ceremony, said that employment would