

quires 250 MW of power which is supplied by Haryana. Delhi's power requirements are increasing in view of its population. Now-a-days thrashers are working in the farms. If electricity is not available, the grains will be destroyed by rains in the fields. So electricity should be uninterruptedly supplied to farms. Keeping in view the shortage of Power in Delhi, a thermal power station with the capacity of 500 MW should be set up so as to solve the power problem of Delhi. Further it can supply electricity to every home. Thus women will also be able to get some employment by running some small cottage industries.

[English]

- (ix) Demand for opening of Branches of Agricultural Development Bank in Aliganj, Patiali and Bhargain in Etah district of U.P.

SHRI MOHD MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN (Etah) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, at present Kanara Bank is the only Bank which is functioning as a Lead Bank in District Etah. Aliganj which is a Tehsil and Block Headquarter with a population of over 20,000 is having only one commercial bank branch of the State Bank of India and the advances and deposits at this Branch during 1985-86 were to the tune of Rs. one crore respectively.

A need for opening a Branch of the Agricultural Development Bank in Aliganj has been felt since long. Similarly in Patiali Tehsil Headquarter and Block Headquarter, there is no Bank Branch and even for the Government transactions one has to go to Aliganj, Bhargain Town having a population of more than 20,000 is having no Bank Branch whereas other areas with lesser population are having commercial Bank Branches. The Gramin Banks opened within a radius of 3 KM practically do not advance any agricultural loans and the purpose of opening Gramin Banks in the villages is therefore defeated.

With a view, therefore, to provide adequate commercial banking service to these areas I would request the Government through you and this August House to open branches of the Agricultural Development Bank each in Aliganj, Patiali and Bhargain

as a step towards their development and for the betterment of the people.

12.47 hrs.

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[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will now take up Item No. 12—Further Discussion and Voting on the Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies. Dr. Rajhans.

[Translation]

DR. G. S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I was saying that although the wholesale price might have come down yet there has been no decrease in the retail price. In Civil Supplies Report, at page no. 6. following is mentioned.

[English]

“The Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers moved up by 7.5 per cent during April-November, 1985, compared to 6.6 per cent in the corresponding period in 1984. In November, 1985, the Consumer Price Index was 5.9 per cent higher than that of the same month in 1984.

[Translation]

We all know how Price Index is prepared. What I mean to say is that the way the price has increased in the market has scared the people. If the hon. Minister accompanies me to the market, then I can show him now the prices are rising. Whatever we say in our reports and speech, we cannot overlook the facts. Food management plays a vital role in bringing down the prices of commodities. Food management plays greater part than the production of food items. I would like to draw your attention to page No. 11 of the Report. It reads :