

[Translation]

SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : You have stated in your reply:

[English]

“The National Thermal Power Corporation have floated 14 per cent secured redeemable 10 lakh bonds of Rs. 1000 each for a total amount of Rs. 100 crores.”

[Translation]

I want to know the total amount subscribed so far? Will the Government allow the corporation to keep the amount with them if it exceeds Rs. 100 crores?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : According to my information, the amount floated has been fully subscribed and if it is over-subscribed and the Finance Ministry gives its concurrence, it can be retained.

SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : My second supplementary is that the Corporation needs Rs. 12,700 crores during the Seventh Plan, but the Government have made a provision of Rs. 5600 crores only and loan is being taken from the World Bank and other sources. For instance, N.T.P.C. is taking loan from U.S.A., Sweden and the World Bank for Singrauli, Korba, Ramagundam and Farakka projects. This will result in escalation of both interest and cost of production and consequently the people will have to pay more for electricity. I want to ask the Hon. Minister whether the Government propose to issue more power bonds?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : I have repeatedly said that there would be a gap of 10,000 M.W. during the Seventh Five Year Plan and about Rs. 15,000 crores would be needed to bridge this gap. If the required funds are mobilised within the country, it would be a most happy situation and in that case, there would not be any need to take loan from abroad. Therefore we shall have no hesitation in evolving any scheme under which the entire fund for the energy sector is mobilised through internal resources.

[Translation]

Power requirement of Rajasthan

* 129. **SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of electric power required and the extent to which it remained short of requirement at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan in Rajasthan State;

(b) the extent of increase in power generation likely to be made in the State by each new power station during the Seventh Five Year Plan indicating the names of these new power stations;

(c) whether Rajasthan State will become self-sufficient in the matter of electricity through its own means or by obtaining special assistance from the Centre during the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(d) if so, how and if not, the reasons therefor ?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d). A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) During 1984-85, the energy availability in Rajasthan was 5903 million units as against the estimated requirement of 6570 million units.

(b) It is envisaged that in the State's Seventh Plan, about 385 MW will be added to Rajasthan's own power generating capacity, as follows :

Project	Capacity Addition in the VII Plan (MW)
Kota Extension (Unit 3)	210
Ramgarh Gas Turbine	3
Mahi Bajaj Sagar	140
Mangrol	6
Charanwala	2

Suratgarh	4
Anoopgarh Canal	9
Pugal	2
Jakhaw	9

In addition, Rajasthan will receive its share of power from Central thermal, nuclear and hydel stations.

(c) and (d). In order to further reduce the gap between the requirement and availability of power in the Seventh Plan, short gestation gas based combined cycle power stations with a total capacity of about 1030 MW are being set up in the Central sector at Anta in Rajasthan and Auraiya in Uttar Pradesh, in the Northern region. To improve the availability of power, measures to conserve energy and to reduce transmission and distribution losses are also being implemented.

[Translation]

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : It is clear from the reply that the generation of power in Rajasthan during the Sixth Five Year Plan was far short of the requirement, due to which the State remained under the grip of power crisis. It is also clear from the reply given by you just now that even after the proposed increase in generation capacity, power crisis in the State during the Seventh Five Year Plan will persist. We have been raising the demand for the Palana Lignite Plant for the desert areas for the last 15 years. Even the Planning Commission has cleared it. I want to know whether Government would assist us by completing this project during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : So far as Palana is concerned, we have already cleared it and we are trying to secure bilateral assistance for it. As soon as this scheme is formed and we get external assistance for this lignite based Palana Thermal Plant, we intend to complete it soon. With the commissioning of this plant, another 60 M.W. of power will be added to the generation capacity. We have already submitted this proposal to the Department of Economic Affairs stating that there is a proposal to complete it with credit from West Germany.

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : The Central Government had set up two atomic power units in one State. The first unit is lying closed for the last three years. Even in the second unit, the generation of power remains uncertain. The Central Government have proposed setting up of two more atomic power stations. I want to know the progress in this regard. Will the Central Government give assistance in overcoming the power crisis in the State by completing these projects during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : Sir, as the Atomic Power does not come under my Department, I cannot reply to this supplementary question.

MR. SPEAKER : Please give notice of another question to elicit information on this point.

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Mr. Speaker. Sir, today industries in Rajasthan do not get 80 per cent power. Therefore, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister the total requirement of power in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan, how much of it the Government would be able to supply and how do they propose to meet the gap?

MR. SPEAKER : This information is already there in the reply.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : The total outlay in the 7th Plan is 3,000 crores and I shall just check up and let you know how much power in terms of M.W. you get.

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : The Central Government should pay more attention to the interests of Rajasthan, because the State in passing through a drought for the last four years, the wells have dried up and nothing is known about the causes of successive droughts. You kindly tell me the quantum of power the Centre would be able to supply during the Seventh Plan?

MR. SPEAKER : 2,000 M.W. and another 2,000 M.W. would still be needed.

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : He did not tell how much they would be able to supply.... (Interruptions)

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS : Let me ask a question.

MR. SPEAKER : All right, you can.

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it seems that Vasant is wevering during *Vasant* (spring).....((Interruptions))

[English]

SHRI VASANT SATHE : I will supply the detailed figures of the 7th Plan to the Hon. Member.

[Translation]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government had approved the setting up of four Thermal units in Kota, but only two units have been set up so far although all the four units should have been completed during the Sixth Five Year Plan. Besides, as the Hon. Speaker has also stated, 2,000 M.W. of power would still be needed by the end of the Seventh Plan. The Hon. Minister has also mentioned about Palana Lignite Plant which will have a generation capacity of 60 M.W. Apart from that, the Department of Atomic Energy has also issued approval for the setting up of two atomic power units, but even after the commissioning of these two units, Rajasthan's requirement of power will not be fully met. The Government had entered into an agreement with Himachal Pradesh to meet Rajasthan's power requirements, but even this agreement has not been implemented so far. I want to know from the Hon. Minister the names of projects which are being taken up by the Government to meet the power requirement of the State.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : Rajasthan has very few projects of its own to meet its power requirements. State's share from other projects is : Gandhi Sagar 57.5 M.W., Rana Pratap Sagar 86 M.W., Jawahar Sagar 49.5 M.W., Kota 11.75 M.W., Beas 408 M.W., Hydel Generation 855 M.W., Thermal Power Station Kota (with increased capacity) 220 M.W, Small Thermal Power Stations 23 M.W., Diesel Sets 7 M.W. and

share from other States like Satpura Project (when commissioned) 125 M.W. Thus, the total would come to 1730 M.W. So, the supply will be made from all sources which would help Rajasthan meet its gap.

MR. SPEAKER : Vasantji, power is needed to ensure that Rajasthan gets rid of drought and famine. The State has experienced successive droughts during the last three to four years. You see to it. (Interruptions) Thermal power generation there has to be paid attention and this also. Let me tell you that Bihar alone can feed the whole country.

[English]

Long-term Policy for development of Leather Industry

*130. **SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of long-term comprehensive policy for the development, modernisation and technological upgradation of the leather industry in pursuance of the Government's directive to the Chairman of the Development Council for Leather Industry in this matter;

(b) the efforts being made to upgrade the quality of leather so that the country could earn 30-40 per cent more foreign exchange from the export of leather products; and

(c) the steps being taken to remove the various constraints in the export of leather goods so that the exports can be given a boost ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) A Working Group headed by the Chairman of the Development Council for Leather Industry, has been constituted in January, 1986, to formulate a comprehensive long term policy for the development, modernisation and technology upgradation of the