

centres for this immunization. In our present infrastructure, in the Sub-centres there are ANMs who are capable of giving injection to children. In the PHC there is the provision for immunization of children and in the District Headquarters there is also some arrangement for this. So through our infrastructure we propose to get all the infants of the age group of 0-1 immunized as well as the expectant mothers.

**SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:** Is it covered by to-day's arrangement ?

**SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI :** Yes.

**SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :** No, no.

**MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER :** Next question.

**Rail Line from Ranchi To Korba**

\*123. **KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have a proposal for the construction of a railway line between Ranchi (Bihar) and Korba (Madhya Pradesh);

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal ; and

(c) whether it is proposed to be included in the Seventh Plan ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL):** (a) to (c). A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for conversion of Ranchi—Lohardaga narrow gauge line to broad gauge and a new broad gauge line from Lohardaga to Korba was carried out in 1975-76. As per the Survey Report the project was not financially viable. In view of the severe constraint of resources and heavy

commitments already in hand, the proposal will have to await consideration till the resources position improves.

**KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI :** Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the Minister has stated in his reply that the engineering-cum-traffic survey between Ranchi to Laboardaga and Lohardaga to Korba has been undertaken in 1975-76 and the survey report says that the above project will not be financially viable.

This has been surveyed thrice and assurance was given to us by the late Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, that this line will be taken up as it covers the backward under-developed tribal areas. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether he will consider this proposal and take it up in the Seventh Plan so that the mineral areas which are at present under-developed can be developed in future ?

**SHRI BANSI LAL :** It is not possible to take it up in the near future.

**SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :** Sir, it seems in the Ministry of Railways the king goes and with him the orders also go. Akbar goes and Jahangir comes. Akbar's orders go and Jahangir's orders come. One minister goes and all his orders are cancelled. The new minister comes and he gives new orders which are to be cancelled when another minister comes.

Sir, on the Floor of the House in the year 1981 late Kedar Pandey had promised that Purlia to Kotsila would be turned into broad gauge. I would like to know whether government is going to keep the promise made by late Shri Kedar Pandey. He will be happy to see in the heavens that his promises are being implemented.

**SHRI BANSI LAL :** Sir, it does not arise out of this question.

**PROF. K. V. THOMAS :** I would like to bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that in Kerala the train called 307 and 308 was earlier stopping at the station in my constituency...

(Interruptions)

**MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER :** Mr. Thomas, it is not connected with the present question. So, please sit down.

**Low Power Generation by Faridabad Thermal Power Station**

\*124. **SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the power generation at Faridabad Thermal Power Plant is only 8 M.W. instead of 195 M.W. ;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the activities of the workers union have contributed to this situation; and

(d) the remedial measures taken in this matter ?

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :** (a) It is not correct to say that the power generation at Faridabad thermal power station is only 8 M.W. The average power generation was 58 M.W. in January, 1985 and 78 MW in February, 1985 as against the installed capacity of 195 M.W.

(b) and (c) The low generation was primarily on account of problem of coal mills, poor quality of raw water and overstaffing, indiscipline & other personnel problems amongst others.

(d) Besides measures being taken to overcome the personnel problems, a comprehensive renovation and modernisation programme to improve the performance of the power station has been taken up.

[Translation]

**SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :** Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, as regards thermal power station in the country, the example of Faridabad is before you. The Thermal Power Station at Faridabad must have been set up after approval from the Central Electricity Board. In reply to the question about the date of its installation, its capacity and the actual utilisation of its capacity, year-wise, it has been stated that—

[English]

“The average power generation was 58 M.W. in January, 1985 and 78 M.W. in February, 1985 as against the installed capacity of 195 M.W.”

[Translation]

I would like to know how much loss has been incurred due to under-utilisation of the installed capacity and the details of the loss, yearwise. Who is responsible for this and what action has been taken against him? Who is guilty and who has been punished? Have you terminated the services of any of the officers who were responsible for it? I would like to know if anybody is accountable for this or not.

[English]

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND :** The installed capacity, as stated earlier, is 195 M.W. A 15 M.W. unit was commissioned in February, 1966. Unit one of 60 MW capacity was commissioned in November, 1974. Unit two of 60 M.W. were commissioned in March, 1976. Three units of 60 MW were commissioned in April, 1981.

It is true that the performance of these units is not satisfactory due to many reasons. Regarding the plant load-factor of the 15 MW unit, I would like to say that during 1984-85, April to February, the plant load factor is 41.80. The plant load factor of the other units are as above :—