

**SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:** The one day strike by 21 lakh public sector workers was postponed as an assurance was given by the Government of holding negotiations. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government proposes to start wage negotiations with the representatives of the Trade Unions. If so, by when?

**SHRI J. VENGAL RAO:** It is the question of the Labour Minister. The Labour Minister is discussing with the representatives of the trade unions.

**PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ:** There are some hilly states like Jammu and Kashmir which have not got adequate share so far as public enterprises are concerned. Will the Hon. Minister consider at least to have Members from these hilly states on the Board that is being set up?

**SHRI J. VENGAL RAO:** We have no objection Sir. I entirely agree with what Mr. Soz says. Many Members have suggested it.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI MADAN PANDEY:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the issue regarding the wages of the employees of the Public Sector Undertaking has been pending for a long time. This matter is being postponed all the time. The officers have received *ad-hoc* payments of revised scales. Payment of huge amounts to them is causing heart-burning among the workers. This sort of partiality will create a crisis in the Public Sector Undertakings. I want to know from the hon. Minister that by when a decision will be taken by the Cabinet Committee set up for this very purpose in this regard so that negotiations about the wages to the workers may start?

[*English*]

**SHRI J. VENGAL RAO:** As I mentioned,

negotiations are going on and the Labour Minister is at it.

### **Production of Energy in NTPC Unit at Ramagundam**

\*317. **SHRI G. BHOOPATHY:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity and anticipated production of electric power in the Ramagundam unit of the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) the actual output at present;

(c) the total expenditure for establishment of Ramagundam unit of the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(d) the total amount spent so far on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d). A Statement is given below.

### **STATEMENT**

The Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project of the National Thermal Power Corporation is envisaged to have an ultimate installed capacity of 2100 MW comprising of three units of 200 MW each and three units of 500 MW each. The installed capacity of project, at present is 600 MW. During 1986-87, the power station generated 4305.5 million units at a Plant Load Factor of 81.9%.

The approved cost of the Project, along-with associated transmission lines, is Rs. 1702.18 crores. Till June, 1987, an expenditure of Rs. 1244.65 crores had been incurred on the project.

[Translation]

SHRI G. BHGOPATHY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have read the Minister's statement. It is unfortunate that the N.T.P.C. has already spent Rs. 1244.65 crores on its Ramagundam Unit out of a total provision of Rs. 1702.18 crores but it has been able to produce only 600 megawatts so far whereas the target of production envisaged is 2100 megawatts. How will it be possible to achieve this target when major portion of the sanctioned amount has already been utilised and only a little amount is left? I want to ask the hon. Minister as to how will the target be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The Ramagundam project came into being in 1981. The total cost was Rs. 1700 crores and this was according to the price level existing in that year. The total installed capacity would be 2100 megawatts. The first will come up in 1988 and subsequently, one unit will be established every year. This project is being set up with the collaboration of Italy and the work is going on as per schedule. 3 units of 210 megawatts each have been completed and that is how we have a capacity of 600 MW at present.

In so far as the question of cost is concerned, you can understand that costs have escalated much since 1981 and we think that we will have to spend near about Rs. 2000 crores. (Interruptions)....

If you want to ask any question, please stand up; do not interrupt in this way.....(Interruptions).....

The initial cost was Rs. 1700 crores out of which Rs. 1244 crores have been spent.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

### Promotional Avenues in F.C.I.

\*318. DR. G. VJAYA RAMA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Food Corporation of India the promotional avenues in different categories of officers are not uniform, leading to stagnation in lower cadres; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps being taken or proposed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS, AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Promotion from one grade to another grade depends on the eligibility conditions, sanctioned strength and the number of vacancies, which vary from cadre to cadre.

(b) Recently two Committees have studied the various aspects of cadre management, promotional avenues etc. of officers and staff of FCI. The FCI have solicited the views of the employees unions etc. on these recommendations.

### Power Connections for Industrial and Domestic/Agricultural use

\*319. SHRIJITENDRA PRASADA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of villages in the country, State-wise, having power connection both for industrial and domestic/agricultural use; and

(b) the time by which villages without power connection will be provided power and the funds allocated for the purpose?