

been constituted to take care of that area? Has Doordarshan any plan under its consideration to make such programmes for military personnel in future as are being made by the All India Radio ?

[English]

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR :** Every transmission centre which originates programmes in the country has a Programme Advisory Committee and the border transmission kendras also have Programme Advisory Committees. As I mentioned to the hon. Member, we are giving special attention to improve all the programmes which reach across our borders into Pakistan.

**DR. G.S. RAJHANS :** The telecast of late night films is nuisance to the society. Will the hon. Minister consider stopping it ?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS :** We do not agree. (*Interruptions*)

**MR. SPEAKER :** He must have seen this. Otherwise, how does he know ? Next question. Shri Shankar Rao Chavan.

#### Site selection committee for large thermal power stations

\*269 **SHRI ASHOK SHANKAR-RAO CHAVAN :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the composition and terms of reference of the Committee appointed by Government recently in regard to the selection of sites for setting up large thermal power stations ;

(b) the work done so far by the Committee including the sites visited ; and

(c) whether the Committee expects to submit its report before the stipulated time of March, 1989 and if not, the time by which its report is likely to be received by Government ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI) :** (a) to (c) A statement is given below.

#### Statement

(a) The composition and term of reference of the Committee constituted by the Government in regard to the selection of sites for large thermal power stations are given in the Annexure.

(b) The Committee has reviewed the status of development of the sites recommended by the earlier Committee for selection of sites for large thermal power stations in April, 1976 and the feasibility of further extension at these sites. It has not visited any site so far.

(c) Yes, Sir.

#### Annexure

#### Committee for selection of sites for large thermal power stations

##### A. Composition

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| 1. Member (Thermal), CEA   | Chairman |
| 2. A representative of the SEB in the jurisdiction of which a suitable site is located and being investigated. | Member   |
| 3. A representative of the Deptt. of Coal.   | Member   |
| 4. A representative of M/s CMPDIL.   | Member   |
| 5. A representative of M/s NTPC  | Member   |

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| 6. A representative of Ministry of Railways.                              | Member           |
| 7. A representative of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Wildlife. | Member           |
| 8. A representative of the Deptt. of Industrial Development.              | Member           |
| 9. A representative of the Planning Commission.                           | Member           |
| 10. A representative of the Geological Survey of India.                   | Member           |
| 11. Chief Engineer (Thermal Planning) C.E.A.                              | Member-Secretary |

**B. Terms of Reference**

The terms and reference of the Committee are as under :

- (i) review the status of development of sites recommended by the earlier Site Selection Committee set up in Jan., 1973 and examine the feasibility of setting up further extension projects at existing sites and
- (ii) identify suitable new sites for setting up large thermal power stations in different regions of the country, keeping in view the relevant techno-economic considerations including :
  - (a) Availability of power grade coal and feasibility of its transportation ;
  - (b) availability of sources of supply of water ;
  - (c) availability of land for power plant and ash disposal etc. ;
  - (d) the geological suitability of sites, soil conditions and amenability to floods ;
  - (e) environmental considerations ; and
  - (f) evacuation of power to load centres.

**SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN :** Sir the power position in Maharashtra, even though satisfactory at the moment, there is likely to be a shortfall of 1200 MW by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan and 1400 MW in the Eighth Five Year Plan, as given by CEA. If so, what steps are being taken to see such a situation does not arise ? What are the locations in Maharashtra where large and new thermal power stations are likely to be located ?

**SHRI KALPNATH RAI :** The Government of India has sanctioned 3000 MW power generation in the Seventh Five Year Plan and today there is no shortage of power in Maharashtra and for the Eighth Five Year Plan, we have

sanctioned 3000 MW and there will be no shortage.

**SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN :** Maharashtra is not getting its due share of the gas which is available from the Bombay High. I would relate this question to power generation. There has been a constant demand from the Government of Maharashtra regarding gas to be made available for power plants. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, as in the case of thermal power stations, there is lot of public opposition due to the fear of adverse effects on environment, specially horticulture. Is the Central Government examining various proposals from different

States including Maharashtra for setting up gas-based power plants ?

**SHRI KALPNATH RAI :** The Government of India has appointed a Committee for the selection of the sites. That Committee will submit its report on 30th March 1989 in which the Government will take into consideration the problem of Maharashtra and Government of India is considering to include gas-based power plants in Maharashtra.

**SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN :** Sir, I feel that answer has not been properly given.

**MR. SPEAKER :** It is OK.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :** The hon. Member has asked a question and the reply was given by the hon. Minister that there is no inadequacy of power generation in Maharashtra. If hon. Member's father was present here, he would have actually pointed out the fallacy in his reply.

The Hon. Member has asked the correct question and I will quote the Chief Minister's contention which goes against exactly what the hon. Minister has said. For the development of backward areas in Maharashtra like the Kokan coastal area, there was a scheme for the establishment of Bharat Aluminium Project, a public sector unit; it was proposed long back, it has not been commissioned and is likely to be given up. The former Chief Ministers had repeatedly asked for adequate provision of power supply for this. Repeatedly we were told by the former Chief Ministers and confirmed by Mr Sathe, who was incharge of the Ministry here, that the amount of electricity that is required for the aluminium public sector project was very high and since Maharashtra was not able to make the provision for adequate power supply, that is why, this project cannot come up. I am pointing this particular plea to indicate that your answer is incorrect. There is no adequate supply of power in Maharashtra and, therefore, I will pick up the question that the hon. Member had asked in the

beginning. Will you take adequate steps to explore all sources of power generation like hydroelectric power generation in the backward areas of the Kokan region, where there is a lot of rainfall and try to see that inadequacy of power supply in Maharashtra is eliminated ?

**SHRI KALPNATH RAI :** As the hon. Member has said, there is some shortage of power in all the parts of the country. Taking into consideration, the shortage of power, the Government of India has already decided to sanction 3000 MW power for Maharashtra and that will solve the problem of Maharashtra. whatever suggestions have been given by the hon. Member, the Government will consider the same.

**SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY :** What are the various sites suggested for Andhra Pradesh ? Is Viskhapatnam also included ?

**SHRI KALP NATH RAI :** This does not arise out of this question.

#### Tidal power project in Gulf of Kutch

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\*271. **SHRI U. H. PATEL :**

**SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN  
RAMJIBHAI MAVANI :**

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the techno-economic feasibility report for the tidal power project in the Gulf of Kutch;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken the investment decision for the project;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(e) when the proposed project is likely to be implemented ?