

ment for the industrial development of the backward regions of this country, particularly of the backward regions of Bihar?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, as the Members are aware the Government is implementing a scheme for development of backward areas and now we have announced the development of growth centres in various parts of the country. In the initial stage, we will be developing 100 growth centres throughout the country.

[Translation]

Generation of Electricity by D.E.S.U. and Acquisition from other Sources

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of electricity being

generated and the quantity being acquired from other sources annually by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking for supply in Delhi;

(b) the details in this respect for the last two years;

(c) the total quantity of electricity consumed by the consumers during this period;

(d) the details regarding loss of electricity in Delhi during the last two years;

(e) whether this loss is more than the loss of electricity in other parts of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):

(a) to (f). A Statement is given below.

STATEMENT

Generation of electricity by DESU and acquisition from other sources

(a) and (b). The requisite information is as under:-

(In million units)

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	1986-87	1987-88
Energy availability from DESU's own generation	1275	1267
Energy acquired from other sources	4157	4832
Total:	5432	6069

(c) The total quantity of electricity sold by DESU during 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 4085 and 4575 Million Units respectively.

(d) The loss of electricity suffered by DESU during 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 1347 million units (24.8%) and 1524 million units (24.9%) respectively.

(e) and (f). The losses suffered by DESU during 1986-88 appear to be more than the All India average of about 21-22%.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Sir, according to the statement, the energy acquired from other sources is 4,832 million units. What is the quantity of Punjab's electricity acquired by Delhi out of these 4,832 million units?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Sir, he is asking about the power produced in Punjab. I do not understand what he wants to know.

He wants to know how much electricity is derived from Punjab project.

No electricity is derived from Punjab project.

MR. SPEAKER: I think he means the B.N.B. which might have a share in electricity.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: That is a different thing. But from Punjab there is no electricity derived directly for Delhi. There maybe an agreement between the B.N.B. and the Department.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Maybe out of some agreement. I want the hon. Minister tell us if some quantity of electricity is going from Punjab to Delhi quota and may be some agreement was there. Also related to this question is, if there is any

quantity of electricity you are getting from Punjab if so, at what rate are you purchasing it from Punjab? Are you purchasing some quantity of electricity from Punjab?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: To my knowledge, we are not purchasing any power from Punjab as such. There is the Northern Grid under which Singrauli, Badarpur, Salal and B.T.P.S. come and power is produced there and Delhi gets power from the Northern Grid. But there is no power which we purchase from Punjab directly. Therefore, the question of the rate or anything for the power from Punjab does not arise.

MR. SPEAKER: I think what Mr. Ramoowalia means is that at certain times, in times of stress, the B.N.B. gives you more for Delhi.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: That is a different thing.

MR. SPEAKER: I had dealt with it when I was the Minister for Power in Punjab. That is why I know it.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: To my knowledge, we have not derived electricity from them.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, you were a Minister there. You also took up the issue. They have procured electricity at cheaper rate from Punjab. Maybe they have stopped due to your efforts. But Punjab electricity has been purchased for Delhi at a cheaper rate whereas we in Punjab use the electricity at a costlier rate or a dearer rate.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, I have no knowledge of it.

MR. SPEAKER: You can look at it later on.