

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: That has already been surveyed. Nalgonda has also been surveyed. You mentioned earlier.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: What is the total quantum of mineral reserved found in this area and what is the geological formation of uranium if it is found there. I want to know categorically from the Minister, what is the percentage of uranium content in that particular strategic area and the content.

SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN: I am afraid, at this stage, it is not possible to decide what percentage of uranium will be there but our surveys have shown that great deposits exist. It is only after we start exploiting we will be able to say what percentage of uranium will be present. But it has been established that there are fairly rich deposits of uranium in Andhra Pradesh in Rayalaseema districts and also in other places like Madhya Pradesh and Meghalaya.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: May I know about the strategic area and the geological formation.

SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN: I am afraid, I am not able to give that specific information.

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati D.K. Bhandari. Absent.

Question Hour is virtually over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Quality of TV Programmes

*919. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently there have been reports of a decline in the quality of serials and other programmes on Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to bring about improvements in TV programmes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). Doordarshan puts out programmes on a variety of subjects and themes to cater to various categories of viewers. Viewers' reactions to these programmes, by and large, are favourable.

Improvement in the quality of Doordarshan programmes is a continuous process. Efforts are always made for better planning, production and presentation.

Coastal Sites for Setting up Thermal Power Projects

*920. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has finalised a plan for exploring various coastal sites for feasibility of setting up thermal power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal;

(c) the sites selected for this purpose;

(d) the funds allocated for the same by Government; and

(e) the capacity of power generation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) to (e). The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) are working in close coordination with the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) who have commissioned a study, through M/s Rail India Technical & Economic Services Limited (RITES), on the least cost solution in regard to transportation of coal to various sites for