

to stabilise. The coal supplies to thermal stations in Punjab, Haryana has improved recently with the result that the thermal generation has shown a steady increase. Continuous high level monitoring along with steps to improve maintenance which include betterment programme have been initiated.

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: From the statement, it appears that there is no shortage or there is only marginal shortage. But in practice, in Punjab even the industries and factories have to be closed down. In the case of Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab the shortage has been admitted. I would like to know what are the specific steps which have been taken by way of installation of new projects for generation of power in Himachal Pradesh, and other States like Jammu and Kashmir where Hyder Power is available in abundance.

SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN: We are proposing new projects which will increase the capacity in Haryana by 312, Himachal Pradesh 38, Punjab 484, Rajasthan 360, and U.P. 1755. There are common projects which will add to the capacity by over 2000.

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: What is the first project to be installed immediately and within which period will it be installed?

SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN: In 1980-81 Haryana will add 60, Himachal Pradesh will add 15, Rajasthan will add about 200 and U.P. will add over 272. Similarly common projects will add another 200. Similarly, there are nuclear projects and so forth.

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: What is the earliest date for the commissioning of the first project?

SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN: 1980-81.

SHRI R. L. BHATIA: At what capacity the Punjab power plants are

running? If they are not running to full capacity, what are the reasons? What steps the Government are taking to see that they run to full capacity?

SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN: The Punjab power plants are running at 235 capacity. These plants are mainly based on hydro. Because of shortage of monsoon last year the plants are not running to full capacity. If the coming monsoons are good, they will run to full capacity.

श्री मूल सचिव द्वारा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, राजस्थान में जो चम्बल में हाइडल पावर पैदा होती है, उसमें मध्य प्रदेश की सरकार द्वारा जगह-जगह पर इरिगेशन के बान्ध बनाने कारण कमी आ रही है, उसको रोकने के लिए सरकार इस बारे में कुछ सोचती है या नहीं सोचती है ?

SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN: Rajasthan is a surplus State.

श्री मलिक एम० एम० ए० झा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश के बर्मल पावर स्टेशन का कर्पसिटी युटिलाइजेशन कितना है ?

SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN: In 1975-76, the utilisation was good. But in the next three years, it has gone down to less than 40 per cent. We are trying to improve it.

SHRI M. M. LAWRENCE: Considering the electricity shortage in the country, will the Government give sanction to the Silent Valley Project?

MR. SPEAKER: Next question.

Curtailment of output of Formulations by Drug Companies

140. **SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:**

SHRI K. MALLANNA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several drug companies have curtailed their output of formulations;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) how the bulk drug needs are proposed to be met by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) and (b). While the output of formulations during 1979-80 on the whole has increased as compared to the previous year, the production of some formulations manufactured by some companies has fallen due to various reasons such as labour unrest, power cuts, scarcity of raw materials in the international market, escalation in the cost of inputs, scarcity of packaging materials (like Aluminium Foils), etc. There are, however, no general shortages of formulations as a result of such curtailment of production. There are periodical regional shortages of some brands and equivalents are generally available in these cases.

(c) The requirements of bulk drugs are met from indigenous production and through imports.

SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: What is the total installed capacity of indigenous production of bulk formulations and what is the actual production in 1979-80? What is the total import of bulk formulations in 1979-80?

SHRI DALBIR SINGH: I would require a separate notice for that.

SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Is it a fact that because of the insistence of Government on foreign drug companies to dilute their capital, they are producing less?

SHRI DALBIR SINGH: So far as overall production of formulations is

concerned, the production has not gone down. On the other hand, it has increased by 12.5 per cent.

MR. SPEAKER: Question Hour is not over, but questions are over. I will go over the list again, so that if any of the absent Members are now present, they may put their questions. I find no such Member is present. We will take up the next item.

SHRI HARUKESH BAHADUR: Sir, yesterday I had given a notice regarding increase in postage rates partially.

MR. SPEAKER: We have seen the notice.

Now, Papers to be Laid on the Table.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Regularisation of Services of Artists in A.I.R. and Doordarshan

*124. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are casual Artists working in All India Radio and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, their number;

(c) whether it is a fact that the services of some casual Artists were regularised recently;

(d) if so, their number;

(e) whether they were regularised on the basis of any policy decision;

(f) if so, the details of the policy; and

(g) when the remaining casual artists are also likely to be regularised?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Akashvani and Doordarshan have been en-