

to private organisations for adult literacy. If that could be done, then I don't think why Rs. 34 crores cannot be provided for going in for the latest technology.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Mr. Speaker, Sir,.....

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I want to bring to your notice the fact that.... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, Are you on a supplementary?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I want to raise a point that during the Question Hour.... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: This is about the procedure followed during the Questions House. Sir, in your absence.....

MR. SPEAKER: No, please sit down.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Some members were asking questions. They were being hooted down. I would like to know....

MR. SPEAKER: I will tell you; please sit down. (Interruptions) Order please. I have called Shri Sanjay Gandhi.

SHRI SANJAY GANDHI: Will the hon. Minister kindly tell us this? The question has been asked about high priority and low priority. Would the money that was wasted by the Janata party in transporting Moshe Dayan in an IAF plane be utilised and converted for the implementation of colour television?

(Interruptions)

SHRI VASANT SATHE: If there was any way of really calculating the loss and recovering it from the previous Government, then, I can assure you that at least two stations can be converted into colour television with that money.

SHRI K. A. RAJAN: I would like to know from the Minister about this.

It has been widely reported in the press that in the case of introduction of colour television. (Interruptions) I am repeating. I would like to know from the Minister about this. It has been widely reported in the Press that introduction of colour TV require the import of components for Rs. 1,000 crores. I would like to know from him whether this is a fact or not....

SHRI VASANT SATHE: It was contradicted in the same newspaper, in the same body, the headline was Rs. 1,000 crores and in the body it was given as Rs. 1,000.

श्रीमती प्रमिला बंडवते : श्रीमती अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री महोदय का कहना है कि कलर-टी.वी. के कन्वर्जन पर 34 करोड़ रु. लगेगा, जबकि श्री ज्योतिर्मय बंसु वा कहना है कि 300 करोड़ रु. लगेगा। मैं मंत्री महोदय से कहना चाहती हूँ कि हमारे देश में महंगाई की वजह से, किताबों की कीमतें बढ़ने की वजह से, आज बच्चों को पढ़ाई की सुविधायें नहीं मिल रही हैं, इसलिए क्या आप 34 करोड़ रु. कलर टी.वी. पर लगाने के बजाय ज्यादा से ज्यादा देहातों के बच्चों को टेलीविजन सैट देने पर विचार कर सकते हैं ?

MR. SPEAKER: It is a suggestion.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: It is a suggestion for action.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: What did you say—suggestion for action or inaction?

MR. SPEAKER: It is a suggestion. We go to the next question.

Loss to Industries in U.P. due to Power Shortage

*27. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Uttar Pradesh is suffering a colossal loss of Rs. 100 crores a month in industrial production because of acute power shortage obtaining for the past several months; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to improve the power supply to save the industry?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) Government are aware that Uttar Pradesh has been facing power shortage. However, the possible loss on this account has not been assessed.

(b) The main reason for power shortage in Uttar Pradesh is the failure of monsoon in 1979. With a normal monsoon this year, hydro-generation in the State is expected to improve. Coal supplies to thermal power stations in U.P. have been stepped up.

Coal India have been instructed to improve the quality of coal being supplied to OBRA Thermal Power Station. BHEL have been advised to supply expeditiously all the spare parts needed by U.P. State Electricity Board. With the above steps having been taken, the power supply position in U.P. is expected to improve further.

SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYYA: The hon. Minister in his answer has said that the possible loss on account of this has not been assessed. However, there appeared a report in the *Economic Times* dated 23rd April, 1980 according to which the Director of Industries had said that the loss was about 100 crores because of acute power shortage. I would like to ask this categorical question: what is the installed capacity and what is the actual production of energy during the last three years?

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: It is difficult for us to say....(Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Please do not interrupt.

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: Sir, the installed capacity of hydro in Uttar Pradesh

is 1068 MW, but in a normal year we get 800 MW out of it.... (Interruptions). This year the maximum generation in hydro has been 400 MW; sometimes, it has been even 200 MW. Due to unprecedented drought, the hydro position in U.P. is hopeless.

With regard to the other thermal power stations, we have installed capacity of 2232 MW. The capacity utilization at the OBRA Thermal power stations has been 42 to 43 per cent.... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER Everything will be drowned in the din.

(Interruptions)

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: The percentage utilization of all the thermal Power stations in U.P. is 42 to 43. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: If you do it, others will also do it. No please, no.

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: This is the normal rate. Obviously, the hydro generation will go up, and we have tried to have thermal Power generation improved, with better coal and, better supply of coal. We also have decided that we will have, during the financial Year, 1980-81, 272 megawatts—new power plants. During 1982-83 we will have 323 megawatts. If we get normal rainfall, there should be no shortage of power in U. P. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: The Question Hour will be over, if you go on like this. Please don't do it. Let us now be serious. We have had enough of jollity. We must take it seriously. This is a very important question. Mr. Sushil Bhattacharyya, please make your second supplementary short, I will request Minister also to make his reply short.

SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYYA: What is the percentage of power cut in industries?

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: This is normally done by the State electricity boards. It is not done by us. (*Interruptions*) What we have done is that we passed an order to all the State electricity boards to give maximum power to deep tubewells and shallow tubewells. . . (*Interruptions*) We have told them to rationalize the whole thing.

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: The Minister's answer was that because of failure of monsoon, there is a power shortage in U.P.; but the facts which he has given to this House show that even the thermal power stations are working at a capacity of 32 per cent to 43 per cent. The average is 43 per cent. The average of 43 per cent utilization capacity means a major loss to the biggest State of the country; and this is because of the mismanagement of the electricity boards. Will the Government take some immediate steps to improve the management of the thermal power, so that the State does not suffer

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: So far as U.P. is concerned, I don't think to a great extent mismanagement is responsible for it. What is responsible is the bad quality of coal (*Interruptions*) What is responsible is the supply of coal.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you trying to improve it? Can you assure the House?

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: I can assure the House

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, you have to assure the House that this is also under the government and that you have to improve that quality.

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: Well, I am saying, Sir

MR. SPEAKER: You have to make this assurance in the House that the quality is maintained.

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY: I have already taken steps. The quality of coal has already considerably improved.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: The question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Agreement with Bangladesh for Sharing of Water from Farakka Barrage

*25. SHRI RENUPADA DAS: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any step to scrap the section 2 of Article 2 in the agreement with Bangladesh regarding the sharing of waters from Farakka Barrage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDEY): (a) to (c). The Agreement on sharing of the Ganga waters at Farakka and on augmenting its flows will become due for the first review by November 1980 and thereafter by May 1982 and these reviews shall entail consideration of the working, impact implementation and progress of the arrangement in respect of short term sharing of the waters at Farakka and long term augmentation of flows. Steps will be initiated at the appropriate time for this review.

Shortage of Power in Jammu and Kashmir

*28. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

SHRI GULAM RASOOL KOCHAK:

Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir State was also in a grip of power shortage;