

The delay in commissioning of the III Unit have been due to delay in respect of equipment from BHEL. have indicated that delay has occurred in obtaining the import licence and in complying with the procedures followed by M/s Hitachi for the inspection of the equipment, etc.

It is not possible to estimate the loss in terms of escalation in price and industrial production.

The monitoring of the projects has been stepped up to expedite the timely completion of various activities by the project authorities and the various equipment suppliers.

#### Separate Postal Division for Kalahandi District

\*423. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demands of the people of Kalahandi District for making Kalahandi a separate postal division in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether in view of the backwardness of the district, and in view of the district having two tribal blocks, Government propose creating a separate postal division for Kalahandi soon; and

(c) Whether the proposal for bifurcating the present Bolangir Division has come from the Superintendent of Post Offices of Bolangir Division justifying bifurcation in view of the increasing workload?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIPAY N. PATIL): (a) The proposal for creation of Kalahandi Postal Division was taken up by some of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament.

(b) and (c). Postal Divisions are at present bifurcated/created in accordance with the norms prescribed in this regard. On the basis of these approved norms, a Postal Division is considered ripe for bifurcation when its work load reached 2.6 units. Work load of Bolangir Postal Division which at present comprises Kalahandi district comes to 2.24 only and, as such, its bifurcation and creation of a separate Kalahandi Division is not found justified.

#### वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स के सोहागपुर क्षेत्र का विभाजन करने का प्रस्ताव

\*424. श्री बलबीर सिंह : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या शहडोल जिले में कोयला खानों का कार्य सुचारु रूप से चलाने की दृष्टि से वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स के सोहागपुर क्षेत्र को दो भागों में विभक्त करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है, और यदि हां, तो यह योजना कब तक क्रियान्वित हो जायेगी ; और

(ख) वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स के सोहागपुर क्षेत्र में शहडोल शहर के चारों ओर के उन स्थानों का ब्यौरा क्या है जहां कोयला पाया गया है और इन स्थानों पर कोयला खनन का कार्य कब तक शुरू किये जाने की संभावना है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री ए. बी. ए. गनी खान चौधरी) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) शहडोल जिले के बीरसिंहपुर-पाली क्षेत्र और धनपुरी-अमलाई क्षेत्र में कोयले के भंडारों का पता चला है ।

धनपुरी क्षेत्र में कोयले का खनन शुरू किया जा चुका है । पाली तथा देवहारा परियोजनाएं 1982-83 में शुरू किए जाने की संभावना है ।

#### Serious Power Shortage in U. P.

\*425. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that faced with a projected 30 per cent power deficit in the Sixth Plan and cuts in its annual power outlays Uttar Pradesh is in grip of serious power problem;

(b) whether the Union Government are considering proposals of the State for large hydro-electric projects;

(c) whether the State had also submitted proposals for funds from the World Bank and other international agencies; and

(d) what special steps are proposed by the Centre to help the State in completing ongoing schemes and check deterioration in its economy?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):

(a) The power shortage in U.P. has come down from 23.9 per cent in 1980-81 to 22.4 per cent in the year 1981-82 (April 1981—Jan. 1982). The supply position has further improved in the month of March, 1982 and the system is able to evacuate power to other States in the Northern region. The power cuts have also been mostly removed.

(b) Yes, Sir. Six Hydro-electric schemes were received out of which two have been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority and the remaining four are under examination in the Central Electricity Authority.

(c) Yes, Sir. Power projects have been posed for external assistance where appropriate.

(d) The shortage of power in the State is mainly due to delay in commissioning of generation projects and on account of poor capacity utilisation of the thermal power plants in the State. The State Electricity Boards have been advised to take concerted action to arrest slippages in commissioning of projects and improve the performance of the thermal power plants.

Central Government have been rendering assistance to the State Electricity Boards to help them expedite their commissioning of projects. Follow-up with the manufacturers like BHEL and ILK is done by the Central Electricity Authority and the Department of Power to expedite supplies. Central Government also tries to ensure adequate allotment of key construction materials. Guidelines have also been issued to the State Electricity Boards in regard to scientific project management and monitoring of projects.

The Centre gives assistance to the States for their Plan on the basis of the formula approved by the N.D.C. Central assistance

is given for the Plan as a whole and not for any specific sector or project. The outlays for projects are decided taking into account the Central assistance and the States own resources. Adequate funds for certain power projects in U. P. State have not been provided to the extent necessary since the States own resources have not been adequate. Mobilisation of additional resources by the State would be needed to step up the outlays for power projects.

उज्जैन डिवीजन में नये सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन केन्द्र तथा टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज

\*426. श्री सत्य नारायण जटिया :  
क्या संचार मंत्री निम्नलिखित जानकारी दशनि वाला एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1980-81 और 1981-82 के दौरान नये सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन केन्द्रों तथा टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों की स्थापना के लिए उज्जैन टेलीफोन डिवीजन में किन-किन स्थानों से प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं ;

(ख) उन स्थानों के नाम क्या हैं जहां नए सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन केन्द्र और टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों की स्थापना की गई है; और

(ग) उन शेष प्रस्तावों के बारे में ब्यौता क्या है जिन्हें क्रियान्वित नहीं किया जा सका है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय ने उप मंत्री (श्री विजय एन. पाटिल) : (क) और (ख) : एक विवरण संलग्न है ।

(ग) शेष स्थानों पर टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज चालू करने हेतु कार्य प्रगति पर है । 1982 के दौरान इनके चालू कर दिए जाने की आशा है ।