

specific orders according to conditions varying from State to State. State Governments have been requested to intensify vigilance and mobilise consumer movements to ensure effective implementation of their distribution and control orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

**CBI probe into Power Famine demanded by Industrialists in Punjab**

\*760. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new year 1975 has brought darkness to Punjab due to power famine;

(b) whether Punjab is incurring a loss of rupees four crores daily; and

(c) if so, whether industrialists of Punjab have demanded a probe by the CBI in power famine?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Outlook for power in Punjab is brighter in 1975 than what it was in 1974. The power cuts are being reduced progressively with the improvement in availability from hydel and thermal generation and relief from the adjoining areas.

(b) It is not possible to assess the loss incurred on account of the power shortage alone as many other factors are also involved. However whenever restrictions are imposed on agriculture or industries, production does suffer to some extent.

(c) This Ministry is not aware of any such demand by the industrialists.

**Study by Oak Ridge National Laboratory of U.S. Atomic Energy Commission on Nuclear Powered Agro-Industrial Complex in Upper Gangetic Plain**

\*761. SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO:  
SHRI TUNA ORAON:

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study about a nuclear powered agro-industrial complex in the

upper Gangetic plain made by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has been brought to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the main findings of the study; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a joint study in which a representative of the Department of Atomic Energy also participated, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA, had envisaged the idea of setting up nuclear powered agro-industrial complexes based on large sized nuclear reactors in different parts of the world of which two possible locations were in India.

(c) As the study was of a very preliminary nature, further studies were undertaken by the Atomic Energy Commission. A decision in the matter will depend on the results of Research and Development programmes on hand and an analysis of the overall economics of such a complex.

**Development at Paradeep Port, Sukinda Nickel Project and Sargipalli Lead-mines in Orissa**

\*762. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 126 on 26th February, 1975 regarding major projects in Central Sector approved for Orissa in Fifth Plan and state:

(a) the specific fields of development suggested at Paradeep Port, Sukinda Nickel Project and Sargipalli leadmines, Orissa within the allotted funds during the Fifth Plan period;

(b) whether the State Government is to contribute any amount for the projects; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be available out of the consolidated provision for the new fertilizer project at Paradeep?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):** (a) The Fifth Plan schemes for the Paradeep Port include construction of a general cargo berth and augmentation of ore handling facilities including provision of a wagon tippler. The port is expected to have capacity for handling 4-5 million tonnes of iron ore per annum during the Fifth Plan. The new schemes at the port include procurement of floating craft and shore equipment.

The Sukinda Nickel Project is designed for a production of 500,000 tonnes of nickel ore per annum and extraction therefrom 4800 tonnes of nickel and 200 tonnes of cobalt metals of electrolytic grade. In addition, 17,000 tonnes of fertiliser grade ammonium sulphate will be available as bye-product.

The development of Sargipalli lead project envisages the mining of 750 tonnes of lead ore per day and its conversion into concentrates.

(b) The Sukinda Nickel Project and Sargipalli lead mines project have been conceived as joint ventures between the Central Government and the Government of Orissa. While the State's share in the Sukinda Nickel Project is proposed at 26%, its share in the Sargipalli lead mines project has not yet been finally decided.

(c) It is difficult to indicate the precise amount at this stage as it would depend upon the progress made in the implementation of the project.

#### Formation of All-India Power Grid

\*763. **SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu State Government has suggested the formation of an all-India power grid; and

(b) if so, the salient features and objectives thereof and Union Government's decision thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**राजस्थान के कुछ भागों को माइक्रोवेव के जरिए टेलीविजन सेवा से संबद्ध करना**

\*764. **श्री लालजी भाई :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान के सूचना मंत्री के अनुसार, केन्द्रीय सरकार का विचार राजस्थान के कुछ भागों को जैसे जयपुर, कोटा तथा बूंदी को माइक्रोवेव के जरिये टेलीविजन सेवा से सम्बद्ध करने का है ;

(ख) क्या राजस्थान सरकार ने टेलीविजन सेवा के लिये भूमि निश्चित कर दी है और कार्य आरम्भ हो गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो उमकी रूप-रेखा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री आई० के० गुजराल) : (क) उपग्रह संचार टेलीविजन प्रयोग के पश्चात् कन्स्ट्र क्षेत्रों में टेलीविजन सेवा जारी रखने की परियोजना के अग के रूप में, प्रयोग समाप्त होने के बाद जयपुर और बूंदी में क्रमबद्ध रूप से टेलीविजन ट्रांसमिटर स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है। टेलीविजन कार्यक्रम रिले करने के लिये इन ट्रांसमिटर्स को माइक्रोवेव चैनल के जरिये दिल्ली टेलीविजन केन्द्र से सम्बद्ध करने का विचार है।

(ख) तथा (ग) इस परियोजना के लिए वित्तीय मंजूरी की प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है। इस बीच राजस्थान राज्य सरकार के परामर्श से स्थानों के चयन को अन्तिम रूप दिया जा चुका है। वित्तीय मंजूरी मिलने के बाद सिविल निर्माण कार्य शुरू कर दिए जायेंगे।