

is not desirable in jute industry. I have discouraged this. I have asked them not to do this. I do not know what legal powers we have. If we have, we can exercise them. I have always tried to discourage this speculative activity on the part of the jute industry ; it is not a desirable thing.

**Setting up of an Atomic Power Plant
in Western U.P.**

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*220. SHRI S. A.
MURUGANANTHAM :
PROF S. L. SAKSENA :

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to set up an atomic power plant in the Western U. P. region has been approved by Government ;

(b) the estimated cost of the Project ;
and

(c) when the work on the Project is expected to begin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI
K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM :
May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government propose to set up any other nuclear plant in the fourth five year Plan and, if so, the number of plants to be set up and their location ?

SHRI K. C. PANT : In the fourth Plan there is an allocation of Rs. 15 crores for advance action on new atomic power stations. As for the location of these new plants, the Atomic Energy Commission has set up a new site selection committee in September, 1970, and that is examining the various sites and it is engaged in this work, and it is to submit its report within one year

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Saksena,—
absent. Shri S. M. Banerjee.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : In reply to the question, the hon. Minister has said that no such atomic power plant is going to be established in Western Uttar Pradesh. May I know whether it is not a great injustice in the sense that we were told that there was a committee appointed by the UP Government to select a site for this ? I want to know whether the Present Government of Uttar Pradesh has again approached the Central Government with the request that this plant should be set up in Uttar Pradesh because there is unemployment in Uttar Pradesh. I want to know whether any request has been received from them and, if so, the reaction of this Government.

SHRI K. C. PANT : I never said that a new plant would not be set up in Uttar Pradesh. The question was whether the proposal to set up a power plant in Western Uttar Pradesh has been approved by Government. I said that a site selection committee is going to different sites and the sites it is going into include sites in Uttar Pradesh. Therefore, there is no question of my saying that it would not be approved. I merely gave the present factual position.

SHRI N. N. PANDEY : May I know whether the Minister has received a request from the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for an atomic power station to be opened in eastern Uttar Pradesh and, if so, what action the Government is proposing to take on that matter ?

SHRI K. C. PANT : I cannot say whether the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister has made such a request to the Centre, but I would like to submit for the information of the hon. Member that earlier also another site selection committee had gone into this question. That was a committee which was appointed much earlier, and they had also made certain suggestions ; this is the second site selection committee that is going into it. The earlier suggestion did not include any site in eastern Uttar Pradesh. This work is continuing and various factors have to be taken into account in determining the site. All these factors will be kept in mind while taking the final decision. This is primarily a matter for which experts have to choose the best location.

SOME HON. MEMBERS *rose*—

MR. SPEAKER : I do not think any other question arises. Still the committee is going through it.

श्री० बी० पी० मोर्य : अध्यक्ष महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश से प्राइम मिनिस्टर यहां आती हैं लेकिन बिजली के सम्बन्ध में वहां की स्थिति बड़ी ही भयंकर है। वह कभी मध्य प्रदेश से बिजली लेते है कभी राजस्थान से लेते है। गढ़मुक्तेश्वर को कमेटी ने रिक्वेस्ट किया है लेकिन उसके बारे में कोई उत्तर नहीं आया है। आप कम से कम प्रश्न पूछ लेने दीजिए।... (व्यवधान)... यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण सवाल है। कई महत्वपूर्ण बातों का जवाब अभी नहीं आया है।... (व्यवधान)... मुझे अच्छी तरह से जानकारी है जब मैं लोक सभा का सदस्य था... (व्यवधान)... जहां तक उत्तर प्रदेश का सवाल है, यह प्रश्न बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण है। वहां पर ट्यूबवेल बेकार पड़े हुए है।... (व्यवधान) आप दूसरे प्रश्न पर चले गये। कम से कम सवाल का जवाब तो आने दीजिए, बिजली तो बाद में बनेगी बड़े अफसोस की बात है।... (व्यवधान)...

MR. SPEAKER : I am not allowing any further questions. Next question.

Supply of News to Vernacular Press in Respective Languages

*222. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal that the News Agencies should supply news to the Vernacular Press in the respective languages ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) and (b). While P.T.I. and U.N.I. supply their news only in English, two other news agencies, namely, Hindustan Samachar and Samachar Bharati supply news in a number of Indian languages.

SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : The minister says that only two news agencies are supplying news in a number of Indian languages. In order to help the growth of medium and small newspapers, may I know whether Governments has approached the PTI and UNI to supply news in different vernacular languages ? If so, what was their reaction ?

SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY : The news agencies are independent bodies and Government has got no hold over them.

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी : अध्यक्ष महोदय सरकार छोटे लोगों की बहुत बात करती है लेकिन बहुत सारे छोटे पत्र स्थानीय भाषाओं में निकलते है और उनको यहां से वार्ता भेजने वाली भी छोटी छोटी संस्थायें है। मैं सरकार में पूछना चाहता हूं क्या ऐसी छोटी संस्थाओं पर ध्यान देकर उनको आवश्यक मुविधा और महायता देने पर सरकार विचार कर रही है ताकि उनको प्रोत्साहन मिले और छोटे छोटे जिला स्तर पर जो पत्र निकलते है स्थानीय भाषा में उनको वह वार्तायें भेज सकें ?

श्रीमती नंदिनी सत्पथी : "हिन्दुस्तान समाचार" और "समाचार भारती" ये दो न्यूज एजेन्सीज इंडियन लैंग्वेज में न्यूज देती है और ये संस्थायें जो मदद गवर्नमेंट से चाहती है और जब जब चाहती है उस पर गवर्नमेंट बराबर विचार करती है और मदद भी देती है।

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : May I know what are the languages in which news are supplied by the other two news agencies she mentioned ?

SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY : *Hindustan Samachar* is supplying news in Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Bengali, Oriya, Marathi, Assamese, Gujarati and Malayalam besides English. *Samachar Bharati* is supplying news in languages like Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, Marathi and Tamil.