

वे इस्पेक्टर पर रहेगी लेकिन जो बाकी अन्य स्टोर्स हैं उनके वास्ते उसकी कोई डार्डरेक्ट जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी। इस चीज को देखा जाता है कि कम से कम स्टोर्स की जिम्मेदारी उन पर रहे।

Setting up of Soap factory in Malaysia

*552. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mysore Government have proposed to set up a Soap Factory in Malaysia in collaboration with Malaysian Government with a capital investment of Rs. 10 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the share of the State in foreign exchange in this regard ?

THE DLPUIY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). Mysore Government Soap Factory, Bangalore, is setting up a sandalwood soap factory in Malaysia in collaboration with a Malaysian firm, viz., M/s. P. Lal Stores, Kuala Lumpur. Indian party's share in the total equity capital of Rs. 10 lakhs will be Rs. one lakh to be subscribed through exports.

SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR: What are the terms and conditions under which the Mysore Government is setting up a sandalwood factory in collaboration with a private firm in Malaysia ?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE : The Mysore Government will provide the required technical know-how, experience and advice which will include training of personnel, manufacturing information, designs, engineering techniques, testing process etc. and shall provide the necessary technicians, engineers and managerial officers for this purpose. Over and above this, the Mysore Government would be supplying perfumes to the tune of Rs. 1 lakh per annum.

SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR: May I know whether it is a fact that the Mysore Government intends to put up a similar factory in Japan in collaboration with a private firm ?

MR. SPEAKER : The question is about soap factory in Malaysia.

SHRI A. C. GEORGE : We are not aware of such a proposal.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : The fragrance and beauty of the Mysore sandalwood soap has attracted people not only in South East Asia but also in Europe. Yet, it is a matter of regret that so far no steps have been taken by this Ministry in the matter of the export of the Mysore sandalwood soap and its technical know-how. May I know what steps are proposed to be taken by the Government of India, specially the Ministry of Foreign Trade, to improve the export of this soap ?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE : The aroma of the Mysore Sandalwood has gone far beyond the Far East; it has spread all over the world. It is the policy of the Government of India, specially of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, to encourage the export of sandalwood soap and sandalwood oil. Cash subsidies, import replenishment and various other export assistance are given to exporters of sandalwood oil and soap.

MR. SPEAKER : No more questions on the aroma of the Mysore sandalwood ?

Unprecedented Power Crisis in Orissa

*553. SHRI R. S. PANDEY :
SHRI BAKSI NAYAK :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an unprecedented power crisis has recently developed in Orissa and it is likely to affect the Rourkela Steel Plant besides other industries there;

(b) whether Government have made an assessment of the situation and taken any positive steps to resolve the power crisis; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) A severe power shortage has developed in Southern Orissa which is served by the Machkund Project on account of shortage of water in Machkund reservoir due to poor rainfall in its catchment areas and consequent reduction in energy availability. This has necessitated cuts in power supply to industries in Southern Orissa. Diversion of Power from the Northern Part of Orissa to Southern part has made it necessary to limit the power supply to Rourkela to the level of contracted demand of 40 mw only.

(b) and (c). The situation is being assessed from time to time by the Orissa authorities and the following steps have been taken so far to mitigate the shortage.

- (i) 15 mw of load in Ganjam—Berhampur area has been transferred to the Hirakud—Talcher system.
- (ii) Major industries in Southern Orissa have been asked to reduce their off-take of power voluntarily.

श्री राम सहाय पांडे : इस स्टेटमेंट के पढ़ने से पता चलता है कि मच्छकुण्ड रिज़रवायर में पानी की कमी के कारण बिजली जनरेट नहीं की जा सकी और इस कारण बिजली का संकट पैदा हुआ। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस समय देश में कितने और ऐसे रिज़रवायर्स हैं जहाँ कि पानी की बहुत कमी है और बिजली पैदा करने में दिक्कत हो रही है और देश में यह कुल पावर की कितनी कमी है ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : In the country at present there are three reservoirs which are far short of water and, therefore, short of power. They are Sherawathi, Hirakud and Machkund,

SHRI R. S. PANDEY : What is the power shortage in the country today ?

DR. K. L. RAO : The total shortage in the country is about 1 million kw; a daily production of 14 million kw hour in all the States of India.

SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY : From the statement it appears that 15 mw of load is being shifted from Ganjam-Berhampur to Talcher-Hirakud, that is, from South Orissa to North Orissa. In view of the fact that South Orissa is facing an acute shortage of power, because of which industries are being affected in South Orissa, may I know what is the justification for transferring these 15 mw to the Hirakud-Talcher system ?

DR. K. L. RAO : It is the other way about. We are transferring power from the north to the south, that is, from the Hirakud-Talcher system we are putting in 15 megawatts of power in order to meet the load in the Ganjam-Berhampur area.

SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY : The statement says something else. It says—

“15 mw of load in Ganjam-Berhampur area has been transferred to the Hirakud-Talcher system.”

How do you reconcile this with your answer ?

DR. K. L. RAO : I am sorry, this sentence is probably not understood. The load in the Ganjam-Berhampur area has been transferred from the Machkund system to the other system. That is what it means.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Recently there was a shutdown in the captive plant of Rourkela steel factory itself. There is shortage in the production of electricity there. Because of the acute drought condition in Orissa—we have discussed it in the House; the condition is very serious—the reservoir level even in Hirakud has gone down; therefore, the production of electricity has gone down in Hirakud and Machkund. In Talcher also, two engines are out of commission. Because of the generating stations in Orissa suffering from either difficulty with engines or shortage of rainfall, what is

the actual loss that has occurred to all the Industries in Orissa, for how many days is the breakdown continuing and what steps is the Government going to take...*(Interruption)*

MR. SPEAKER : Is the question still continuing ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Can you allow two supplementaries ?

MR. SPEAKER : I cannot.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : You promised once that those who behave well in the House must get some special treatment. I may be allowed to ask another supplementary.

DR. K. L. RAO : It is very unfortunate that Orissa, which was considered a surplus State all this time, has become a deficit State this year due to simultaneous failure of Talcher, Hirakud and Machkund. This is an unusual combination that has taken place. We are expecting the Talcher machinery to come up in another fortnight and the Ballimella reservoir will be filled up after June, so that towards the end of this year the first unit will come into production. I think, this kind of a trouble will not be there after a few months.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : I had asked for the duration or period for which Orissa had been suffering from this power crisis, what was the actual loss that we had incurred and what was the Government going to do so that at least in the coming weeks the position improves. The Hindustan Aeronautical Factory at Koraput has not got power supply. What steps is the Government going to take ?

MR. SPEAKER : Why not table another question ? This is entirely a separate question.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : It is a related question. There is enough time for the question Hour to go. Why do you not allow it for one minute ?

DR. K. L. RAO : Of course, comparatively the power shortage in Orissa is smaller than in other States. It has occurred only in

the last one month and it will be over in the next few days. If the Talcher unit comes up the entire shortage will be made up. But there are other States in the country where we are not able to help. In the case of Orissa, I expect that in another 10 to 15 days the machine in Talcher will come up and the shortage of power in Orissa will be overcome. I am afraid, there are three simultaneous reasons for the shortage and we cannot help the shortage.

श्री महावीरक सिंह शाक्य : क्या मंत्री महोदय बनलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि दक्षिणी उड़ीसा में की गई बिजली का कटौती वह कब तक वापस ले लेंगे और क्या दूसरे तरीके से देने का कोई प्लान है ?

DR. K. L. RAO : As I submitted, if the Talcher unit comes up in the next fortnight, we will be able to put in more power in the Southern system. Also, the Machkund area is a good catchment area and I expect the rains will come in the month of June and the whole trouble will be over.

AN HON. MEMBER : What, if the rains do not come ?

Threat of Strike by Employees of Northern and North Eastern Railways

*555. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA :
SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether employees of the Northern and North Eastern Railways recently threatened to go on a total strike;

(b) whether such threats have also been received from employees of other Railways; and

(c) if so, their demands and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.