

be in the public interest to disclose the details.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN: Are we self-sufficient in tank production and is it also true that we are going to export tanks to other countries?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: We are producing tanks according to the plans we have drawn up. As for the second part of the question, there is no such proposal.

Coal for Thermal Power Stations

*49. **SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirements of coal for the existing Thermal Power Station; and

(b) the measures Government have taken to meet their coal requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) The total coal requirements for the existing thermal power stations are estimated at about 21.8 million tonnes in 1972-73, which are expected to increase to about 29.6 million tonnes by 1978-79.

(b) Adequate production capacity is available and is also being planned in the various coalfields to meet the normal requirements of all the existing thermal power stations.

श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद वर्मा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं मावसीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि थर्मल पावर स्टेशन में जिस क्वालिटी के कोयले की आवश्यकता है उस क्वालिटी का कोयला दिया जाता है या नहीं ?

दूसरे क्या सरकार को जानकारी है कि पतरातू थर्मल पावर स्टेशन की स्थिति खराब कोयला देने की वजह से ऐसी बिगड़ गई कि

1972 में मार्च से लेकर दिसम्बर तक वह बन्द रहा जिसके चलते पटना, गया और शाहाबाद में रबी की फसल, धान की फसल और मकई की फसल मारी गई ? इस सम्बन्ध में मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिस तरह के कोयले की आवश्यकता है उस तरह का कोयला सरकार इस क्वालिटी थर्मल पावर स्टेशन को सप्लाई करने की स्थिति में है या नहीं ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM: To my knowledge, the difficulty experienced by the Patratu power station was not due to any low or bad quality coal being supplied. If the hon. member tables a separate question about the details, I will give them to him.

श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद वर्मा : मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ क्या पतरातू थर्मल पावर स्टेशन के अधिकारियों ने लिखित रूप में माइन्स विभाग के अधिकारियों को सूचित किया है कि अच्छे किस्म का कोयला सप्लाई नहीं किया जा रहा है जिसका असर उस पावर स्टेशन पर पड़ रहा है लेकिन बावजूद इसके माइन्स विभाग ने पतरातू को अच्छे कोयले की सप्लाई नहीं की—इसकी जानकारी मंत्री जी को है या नहीं ? यदि है तो इसके सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM: I am not aware of any letter or memorandum from the officers who are in charge of the Patratu power station regarding the quality of coal. But there has been some discussion on this question between the State Electricity Board on the one side and the Department of Mines on the other. As I mentioned earlier, if the hon. Member wants details on this, may I request him to put a separate question?

श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद वर्मा : मैं कोई और प्रश्न नहीं करना चाहता बल्कि किये हुए प्रश्न के सम्बन्ध में माननीय मंत्री जी से जानकारी चाहता हूँ। यदि आप आज्ञा दे दें तो जानकारी के लिए पूछ लूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपने पूछ तो लिया है।

श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद वर्मा : स्पष्ट नहीं हुआ है। मेरा उत्तर स्पष्ट रूप से नहीं आया है इसलिए आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से जानकारी करना चाहता हूँ।

मैंने मंत्री जी से पूछा था कि पतरातू थर्मल पावर स्टेशन सन 1972 में मार्च से लेकर सितम्बर तक बन्द रहा और इस दम्पनि में माननीय मंत्री जी के विभाग को इस आशय का पत्र आया है कि जिस तरह के कोयले की आवश्यकता है वैसा कोयला सप्लाई न होने के कारण पतरातू थर्मल पावर स्टेशन बन्द रहा तो इसके सम्बन्ध में मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस तरह का पत्र आया या नहीं और अगर आया तो उसके ऊपर क्या कार्यवाही हुई ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM: Unfortunately, if you look at the actual question, there is no specific mention of this particular power station. There are a large number of power stations in our country, and if the hon. Member would approach me separately, I am willing to give him more information, but unfortunately it is not with me at the moment. (*Interruption*).

SHRI PILOO MODY: The Congress Members are very undisciplined. Now, I would like to know from the Minister as to the date from which the assurances given by him in his original reply to the question become effective?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM: I am not able to follow the import of the question. May I request Mr. Mody to make his point clear?

SHRI PILOO MODY: I asked him, from what date the assurances that he gave in his original reply will become effective. If he would like me to recall to him his original reply, I would remind him that he said that the production of coal will be adequate to our needs from a particular period of time. I would like to know from when.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM: I do not think that the difficulties that have arisen regarding power generation in our country have arisen from the lack of availability of coal. I think we should be in a position to continue, as we have done in the past, to provide adequate coal for the thermal power stations. It is true that in some cases there has been a controversy about the quality of coal but we are trying to sort that out.

SHRI PILOO MODY: May I put a supplementary to what has been said? Is not the Gujarat Government complaining that it does not get adequate supply of coal?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. You see the other side also.

SHRI PILOO MODY: Can I go to the other side and ask the question?

SHRIMATI V. JEYALAKSHMI: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the Government of the State of Tamil Nadu have requested the Minister for the immediate supply of coal to improve the power shortage in Tamil Nadu which is now to the extent of 75 per cent? What steps have been taken?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is of a very general nature. If you want to know about Tamil Nadu, you had better give a separate notice. (*Interruption*) Shri Panuli. (*Interruption*) Order, please. May I request you all not to disturb the House? Do not talk. If you want to talk, go to the lobbies.

SHRIMATI V. JEYALAKSHMI:
What is the reply to my question?

MR SPEAKER I said that the question was of a general nature and if you want to specific reply about Tamil Nadu, you should give separate notice. But let him get up and reply if he can; you are both from the same State

SHRI S MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM There have been difficulties in the transport of coal to Tamil Nadu due to stoppage of trains and other difficulties in the Andhra area in the recent past. The supplies of coal did fall very low but we have been able to take steps to bring up supplies to a reasonable level. There was a time when the supplies were for one or two days in Basin Bridge and now the supply has come up to 8—10 days.

SHRI PARIPOORNANAND PAINULI Is the hon. Minister aware that the equipment in some of the thermal power stations were damaged because of the supply of bad quality coal and if so what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the supply of good quality coal?

SHRI S MOHAN KUMARA MANGALAM There has been no damage because of the coal supply of that character. But there is a controversy which is going on and which will be finalised about the exact quality of coal that will be suitable for different thermal power stations.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Payment of compensation to people of Jammu and Kashmir for loss of their cattle during 1971 war

*44 **SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to compensate the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the loss of their cattle during 1971 war with Pakistan, and

(b) if so, the extent of compensation proposed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY) (a) and (b) The Government of India have no scheme for the payment of compensation in case of such losses. But they have, however, authorised the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to incur expenditure on giving *ex-gratia* assistance to such persons at the prescribed scales. A Statement giving the scales of assistance in respect of loss of cattle is laid on the Table of the Sabha. The expenditure incurred by the State Government on this account is fully reimbursed by the Government of India.

Statement

(A) SCALES OF *ex-gratia* GRANT FOR THE LOSS OF BULLOCK, CAMEL & MILCH CATTLE

Items	Ceiling per family
(a) For bullocks upto	Rs 1,000 per bullock
(b) For a camel upto	Rs 2,000
(c) For a milch cattle upto	Rs 800

The *ex-gratia* grant for bullocks and Camels is admissible to the agriculturists and *ex-gratia* grant on account of milch cattle is admissible to both agriculturists and non-agriculturists.

(B) SCALES OF GRANTS LOAN FOR THE LOSS OF OTHER CATEGORIES

Category	The price is not to exceed
	Rs
1 Horse	500 each
2 Mule	600 each
3 Donkey	150 each
4 She-Goat	100 each
5 He-Goat	100 each
6 Pig	60 each