

Setting up of Additional Generating Set at Trombay Thermal Station by Tatas

*704. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tatas propose to set up an additional 50 MW generating set at Trombay thermal station at a cost of Rs. 87.41 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Tatas have submitted a feasibility report for installation of a 500 MW unit at their Trombay Thermal Power Station at an estimated cost of Rs. 87.41 lakhs. The feasibility report states that this additional generating capacity will serve the needs of Western Maharashtra. It envisages the utilisation of sea borne coal from Bengal/Bihar areas and the use of sea water for condenser cooling.

It is claimed that this proposal will enable the necessary know-how for installation, operation and maintenance of 500 MW sets to be built up in the country for use on other future projects.

The proposal is under consideration.

Number of Appeals and Cases Filed in High Court of Orissa

*705. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals and cases filed in the High Court of Orissa during the last year; and

(b) the average disposal of cases by the High Court in a year?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE: (a) The total number of cases filed in the Orissa High

Court during 1973 was 4786 out of which 2282 were appeals.

(b) The average disposal of cases by the High Court in a year during the last three years has been 4890 cases.

Government Decision to Go Slow in Electrification of Railways

*707. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN:
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to go slow in electrification of Railways and to acquire more locomotive engines; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. On the other hand it is proposed to acquire more electric locomotives.

(b) Does not arise.

Impact of Energy Crisis on Caustic Soda Industry

*708. SHRI M. S. PURTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the energy crisis shortage of furnace oil and irregular supply of coal, is having an adverse impact on the caustic soda industry.

(b) whether all the units in the country use fuel oil for fusion to make solid and flakes varieties; and

(c) if so, steps Government have taken to improve the position of furnace oil supply to increase the caustic soda output?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BO-ROOAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The utilization of capacity in the caustic soda industry has received some set back although the overall production in the year 1973