

Generation of Power by Hydraulic, Thermal and Nuclear Projects

*544. **SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the hydraulic, thermal (diesel based and coal based, separately) and nuclear power projects which are actually generating power at present giving in each case the quantity of power generation a normal year;

(b) the projects coming under these three categories which are under construction giving their individual capacities and the probable date of their completion; and

(c) the projects coming under these three categories which are envisaged in the Fifth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-6600/74.*]

SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Is it a fact that there have been some troubles in the Tarapur nuclear plant and if so, have they been removed? It has been reported that the Tarapur nuclear plant had been wrongly designed. I would like to know whether that is a fact and whether that has been set right.

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT): The Tarapur plant has run into troubles from time to time, and one of the reasons has been located namely that some rearrangement is required in the transmission lines outside, where the transmission lines are connected with the mains, and this has been done. There have been certain difficulties with the machinery, which have come up in the House from time to time. But Tarapur was by and large running very smoothly, but recently again there has been a breakdown.

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SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Is it a fact that the nuclear plant was wrongly designed?

SHRI K. C. PANT: There was some difficulty with the design also, which has also come up in the House in the past. But that was rectified some months ago.

MR SPEAKER: Next question. Mr Jadeja. The hon. Member is absent. The question list and also the Question Hour are both over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rejection of suggestion for mixing power Alcohol with Petrol

*526. **SHRI R. S. PANDEY:**
SHRI RAM PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have rejected the suggestion for mixing power alcohol with petrol for running vehicles; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH): (a) and (b). There is at present no surplus of alcohol in the country and there is difficulty in meeting even the demand of alcohol based industries. If and when any surplus quantity becomes available, the position would be reviewed.

Increasing price of Bitumen and its availability

*529. **SHRI K. MALLANNA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of bitumen has increased in the last six months from Rs. 970 per tonne and its future availability appears to be uncertain; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?