श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी : उसमें यह होता है कि गुड्ज और पार्सल का जो ट्रांजिट होता है, वह उसको दिया जाता है । उसमें यह शर्त होती है कि जो माल उस आउट एजेंसी को दिया जाएगा वह वक्त पर और ठीक शख्स को उसको पहुँचाएगी । अगर ट्राजिट में कोई नुकसान होगा तो उसकी जिम्मेदारी उसके ऊपर होगी । उसके दफ्तर का भी फंक्शनिंग ऐसा होना चाहिए कि वह आवाम की बहबूदी और फायदे के लिए काम करे । जो और शर्तें हैं वे कांट्रेक्ट मे दर्ज रहती है जो तमाम शर्तें कबूल करता है, उसको ही ठेका दिया जाता है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपकी तसल्ली नही हुई होगी । कछवाय जी आप कभी तो नागा कर लिया करें ।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : जिस दिन आप नही आएंगे उस दिन मै भी सवाल नहीं करूंगा । यह सवाल पूछा गया है मनासा के बारे में जो रतलाम डिवीजन मे है । पश्चिम रेलवे मे आउट एजेंसीज बहुत कम है और इस वास्ते इनका लाभ बहुत से लोगों को नही मिल पाता है । काम यह सारा रेलवे को करना पड़ता है । बहुत से पार्सल और बहुत सा माल चोरी हो जाता है । लोगों को पार्सल आदि भेजने मे भी काफी कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ता है । इस वास्ते मै जानना चाहता हूँ कि हर डिविजन में अधिक से अधिक आउट एजेंसीज खोलने के बारे में कोई विशेष प्रयास किया जा रहा है ? अगर कोई काट्रेक्टर नही आता है तो क्या आप कोई विशेष रियायत देने को तैयार हैं ?

श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी : आउट एजेंसी जो होती है वह जोन के हिसाब से नही दी जाती है, जरूरियात के हिसाब से दी जाती है । इस वक्त तक 168 आउट एजेंसीज में से 19 आउट एजेंसीज जो हैं, वे पश्चिम रेलवे में है । जहाँ जहाँ जरूरत पड़ती है, वहाँ वहाँ पर इनके नम्बर को बढ़ाया भी जा सकता है ।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : लोगों को पार्सल आदि भेजने में आसानी हो सके और ये उनको आसानी से और सुरक्षित मिल सकें, इसकी व्यवस्था होनी चाहिए । पार्सलों की चोरियाँ होती है और रेलवे कहती है कि हमारी जवाबदारी नहीं है । पार्सल बुक कराने जाते हैं तो काफी कठिनाई होती है । बीमा भी उनका नहीं किया जाता है । बीमा कराने में भी उनको बहुत कठिनाई होती है । लोगों को ज्यादा से ज्यादा लाभ हो, इसके लिए मंत्री महोदय की ओर से कोई विशेष योजना चलाई जाएगी उस जोन में· · ·

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मेरा माध्यम बन्द है ।

गुजरात राज्य को अतिरिक्त बिजली की सप्लाई

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*251. **श्री के० एस० चावड़ा**
डा० संकटा प्रसाद :

क्या **सिंचाई और विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि;

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने गुजरात राज्य को अतिरिक्त बिजली सप्लाई करने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो राज्य को कितनी मात्रा मे बिजली सप्लाई की जाएगी ?

सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री बैजनाथ कुरील) : (क) और (ख). विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है ।

विवरण

प्रतिदिन लगभग 3 मिलियन यूनिट विद्युत की कमी है । यह विशेषत: तारापुर स्थित दोनों यूनिटों के बन्द हो जाने के कारण है । महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात में उपयोग किये जाने के लिए मैसूर ने प्रतिदिन लगभग एक मिलियन यूनिट देना आरंभ कर दिया है ।

इस कमी के मई के मध्य में 140 मेगावाट के प्रथम घुवरण के विस्तार यूनिट और तारापुर स्थित एक यूनिट के चालू किए जाने के समय तक जारी रहने की संभावना है। तारापुर के दूसरे यूनिट और घुवरण स्थित चौथे यूनिट के जून, 1972 तक और उकई जलीय-यूनिटों के जून, 1973 तक चालू हो जाने के बाद से विद्युत की स्थिति ठीक हो जाएगी।

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA The present installed capacity for generation of power in Gujarat is 872 MW, just enough to meet the demand of 800 MW, with the result that even a temporary failure of the machines results in acute shortage of power there. In the statement it is mentioned :

> "The shortage is expected to persist till the first Dhuvaran Extension Unit of 140 MW and one unit at Tarapore are commissioned in the middle of May"

The first unit of the Tarapore atomic power station stopped working since December 1971. Why is so much time being taken to put the station back into operation ?

Secondly, the 27 MW gas turbine of the Dhuvaran power project could not be started because it had not been given additional gas When is this extension gas turbine likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) . The power shortage in Gujarat is due largely or entirely to the stoppage of production at the Tarapore power station. The hon. member has very correctly stated that the Tarapore power station has not been working for some time. The reasons are that the fuel has to be replaced after a cerain period and since it was not done there is failure; then there is also failure of the bearings, and there is failure of the transformer. These are being rectified and it is expected that the first unit will go into operation again by about the middle of May.

Regarding the 27 MW gas turbine, it cannot help very much, because the shortage is much more than what can be met by a 27 MW turbine. Still it is true that that unit has been idle because there is no gas available. One of the units there is being run, but the other is not being run because of want of gas. I am contacting the concerned authorities to see that they expedite the supply of the necessary gas so that it can be run and can help to the little extent it can.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : The power supply in the country is very tight. I would like to know from the Minister whether the Prime Minister has started a dialogue with the Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat for an early implementation of the Narmada project which is in a position to generate 2,000 MW of hydel power ?

DR. K. L. RAO : I think the hon. Member is interested more in the immediate rectification of power shortage than in getting more power Narmada project will take ten years even if we start working now. I am sure the hon. Member is interested in the immediate supply of power.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : I am interested in two things : Immediate as well as long-term measures, and there is a demand for 300 megawatts of power. How are we to meet it ?

DR. K. L. RAO . What I wanted to submit is that the Narmada project is under dispute. It has been referred to the tribunal, and nothing can be cone unless the tribunal gives its award.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : In the election campaign, the hon Prime Minister promised that if the Congress (R) is in power in Gujarat, the problem of the Narmada river valley project can be solved (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Do not bring electric power and the Congress (R) power together, at par;

SHRI FATESINGHRAO GAEKWAD : The Minister has been pleased to enumerate certain reasons for the failure of the Tarapore power plant ever since its commissioning, May I know whether it is a fact that there is one other reason, and that is, the manufacturing defect in the plant ? Or else, is it bad management ?

DR. K. L. RAO : I am afraid it is not deficiency in power at the Tarapore power station or any other thing; so I will not be able to say that. But as fas as as I know, neither of these reasons which the hon. Member has mentioned applies in this case.

SHRI D. P. JADEJA : According to the statement of the Minister, it says that nearly a million units a day to be used in Maharashtra and Gujarat are being given from Mysore. May I know what is the percentage breakdown for Maharashtra and Gujarat, and from which have they started giving power to Gujarat ?

DR. K. L. RAO : Only yesterday, I arranged with the Chairman of the Mysore Electricity Board to supply one million units per day. I suggested at yesterday's meeting of the Chairmen of the Electricity Boards of Maharashtra and Gujarat that they should share this equally, and I hope they will do it.

Wagons held up for Minor Repairs

*253. SHRI VEKARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of wagons which were not fit to move due to minor repairs during the last two years; and

(b) how much time it takes to carry out the repairs on such wagons ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) The average number of wagons under or awaiting minor repairs daily during the last two years has been :

Gauge	1970-71	1971-72
Broad Gauge	9193	2864
Metre Gauge	2900	2558
Narrow Gauge	216	199

The number of wagons out of commission as indicated above related to the total holdings is shown below :

Gauge	Holdings	1970-71	1071-72
Broad Guuge	282407	3·2%	2·9%
Metre Gauge	95721	3·0%	2·7%
Narrow Gauge	5860	3·7%	3·4%

These wagons requiring minor repairs are attended to in sick-lines are attached to every big yard.

(b) How much time does it take to carry out repairs on such wagons ?

Mormally minor repairs are completed within 8 hours.

SHRI VEKARIA : Looking at the statement, it is learnt that there were a number of wagons lying idle in the workshops. I would like to know from the Minister, when there is an acute shortage of wagons in the country aud when the people are shouting for more wagons—looking at these facts—what steps the Government proposes to take to repair such wagons immediately.

Secondly, may I know whether the Government propose to give this repair work to any private firms or not ?