

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

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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.

(c) Does not arise

SHRI NAWAI KISHORI SHARMA
I have only to thank the hon Minister instead of asking a question

MR SPFAKER I thank you for sitting down so early

रतगुवा नहर परियोजना (मध्य प्रदेश)
के कार्य की प्रगति

*556 श्री नाथूराम अहिरवार क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्रालय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या छतरपुर (मध्य प्रदेश) में रतगुवा नहर परियोजना केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृत की जा चुका है और उसके लिए 290 करोड़ रुपए का धनराशि की मजूरी दे दी गई है और

(ख) यदि हा तो क्या इस परियोजना का कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया गया है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री बंजनाथ कुरोल) (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने 186 लाख रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर रतगुवा परियोजना का प्रस्ताव किया है। मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश की राज्य सरकारों के बीच परियोजना के कुछ पहलुओं पर अभी भी विचार-विमर्श किया जा रहा है।

श्री नाथूराम अहिरवार . मैं न चाहता हूँ कि इस केनाल योजना के लिए सरकार कितने दिन से विचार-विमर्श कर रही है ? अभी मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने कुछ पैसा मजूर किया है, लेकिन उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की ओर से कौन सी अडचन आ रही है जिसकी वजह से इस योजना को डिले किया जा रहा है ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR K L RAO) The dam was constructed some years ago by the

Uttar Pradesh Government in Madhya Pradesh area. The Madhya Pradesh Government has claimed now that they want to make use of some amount of water for irrigation. Naturally this has led to a discussion between the two State Government. They have not yet come to an agreement so far. It is an old irrigation system. We are trying to sort it out. I am sure we will be able to find a way out. I will be having a discussion on this matter.

श्री नाथूराम अहिरवार . जब दोनो राज्य सरकारों एक दूसरे से सहमत नहीं है तब सिंचाई मंत्रालय स्वयं बैठ कर इस मसल का क्या जल्दी हल नहीं करत है। यह 67 मील लम्बी केनाल है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने दम वात का वादा किया था जब मध्य प्रदेश की जमीन ली गई थी, कि हम पानी देंगे। जब बांध का कस्ट्रक्शन हो रहा है और हमारा यहाँ पानी की कमी है तो इस बात का ध्यान रखत हुए कि मध्य प्रदेश का ज्यादा नुकसान हुआ है, क्या मंत्री महोदय पानी दिलवाने की गारंटी करेंगे और नहर को पूरी करायेंगे ?

DR K L RAO That is what I submitted. I will try to find a way out of this problem. I am sure we will be able to do that.

श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस योजना के सबंध में उत्तर प्रदेश और मध्य प्रदेश सरकारों के बीच में अन्तिम चर्चा कब हुई और उस चर्चा के दौरान कौन-कौन से मुद्दों पर बात-चीत की गई ?

DR K L RAO The Chief Engineers of the two States had a discussion with the Chairman of the Central water and power Commission to find a way out. But they were not able to do so. Then, the Uttar Pradesh Chief Engineer was to go there along with the Madhya Pradesh Chief Engineer to get some way out. But that was also not done. It is a small quantity in terms of water but it is very valuable because Madhya Pradesh has no irrigation. I quite appreciate it. I think, I will be able to find a way out, as I stated earlier, in one or two months time.