

(c) the total expenditure incurred by Government on the foreign visits of each Minister, the foreign exchange sanctioned to each and the particulars of foreign goods brought by each of them ?

**THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI):** (a) to (c). A statement containing the requisite information placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1061/77].

#### **Expansion Scheme of Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation**

\*51. **SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether sanction has been accorded to the Rs. 100 crore expansion scheme of the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN):**

The proposal of the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation for establishing a 240 M.W. Thermal Power Station at Titagarh has been accorded techno-economic approval by the Central Electricity Authority. Details of the financing plan for the project are awaited.

#### **Combat Aircraft**

\*52. **SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the combat aircraft with the Indian Air Force has become obsolete; and

(b) if so, steps being taken by Government to equip the I.A.F. with the most modern fighting aircraft?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM):** (a) and (b). The combat aircraft with the IAF have not become obsolete. However, as the aircraft become old they are replaced by modern ones in keeping with our equipment needs and the policy of modernisation of equipment.

#### **Shortage of Energy**

\*54. **SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM:**  
**SHRI K. A. RAJAN:**

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out any plan to deal with the shortage of energy in the country; and

(b) if so, the main features of the plan?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN)** (a) and (b) The Government have taken several steps to deal with the shortage of electrical energy in the country. In the short term, efforts are being concentrated on.

—maximising generation from existing power plants, by improving their availability and performance

—training of operation and maintenance staff of power stations to secure better operation and maintenance of power generation facilities

—reducing transmission and distribution losses

—transfer of power from surplus to deficit areas

—distribution of power following a system of national priorities and discouraging wasteful and ostentatious consumption

—expediting commissioning of new generating units

—ensuring early stabilisation of newly commissioned generating units.

The main thrust of the long-term measures is to accelerate power development, strengthen inter-system and inter-regional ties, establishment of load-despatch facilities and ensure adequate power supply within a time-frame of five to seven years. Power generation schemes to derive benefits during the next 10 years have been identified and they are gradually being processed for investment decisions keeping in view the demand for power and the phasing of benefits required from them. Establishment of power generation and bulk-transmission facilities has been taken up in the Central Sector to supplement the efforts in the State sector and public sector corporations have been set up under the Central Government to construct and operate Regional Thermal and Hydro-Electric Power Stations and bulk transmission facilities.

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\*55. श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री :  
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