SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: Yes, Sir. Government will take all necessary steps to see that the unions are recognised based on their membership. If it has not been done in the past, it will be done in the future.

SHRI AMRI'I NAHATA: He asked whether recognition will be given based on ballot, not on verification of membership.

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: That is also one of the questions that is being considered.

SHRI SAUGATA ROY: May I know whether the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh or the trade unions belonging to any other constituents of the Janata Party at seeking recognition in the Jharia coa fields? Has the minister satisfied himself that the INTUC and AITUC which are already recognised and established unions in the coalfield are not having a majority of the workers with them?

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: This is a question for future action and we will definitely go into the question and see whether the unions can be recognised.

SHRI SAUGA'TA ROY: I would like to know whether any unions belonging to any constituents of Janata Party are seeking recognition in Jharia coalfields like the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh.

SHRI P. RAMÁCHANDRAN: We have no information in that respect, but these unions will be recognised based on the membership and if that is not done correctly in future it will be done correctly.

चौधरी बलबीर सिंह : क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलायेगें कि इस बारे में सरकार की क्या पालिसी है कि एक ट्रेड यूनियन में एक ही यूनियन बननी चाहिए ? इसके लिए सरकार क्या कार्यंबही करना चाहती 22 ? SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: This is a policy question which has reference to the Labour Ministry. I suppose the Labour Minister will look into this.

Energy produced from Hydro Power

*247. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that energy produced from hydro power is not stable; and

(b) if so, alternative arrangements contemplated t_0 meet the power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). The output from a hydro-electric project is designed taking into account the availability of water and the operating head. As hydrological conditions vary from year to year, the hydro stations as a rule are designed to generate power on the basis of 90 per cent dependability. The output from hydro-electric stations can however vary to make available additional generation in good years when water availability exceeds planned conditions. Generation is also subject to the manner of operation of reservoirs in the case of storage-based hydro stations.

If the overall performance of hydroelectric stations is judged against the designed potential then, by and large, the performance of hydro-electric power stations in the country has been satisfactory. But, in hydro stations which are run of the river type or which do not have the flexibility of a carryover storage, there will be fluctuations in energy output depending on additional availability of water in excess of what had been planned. In planning for power development, an optimum hydro-thermal mix is considered desirable taking into account the load pattern and the system requirements, and this aspect is always kept in view.

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SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: I want to know whether the Government is going to propose an atomic energy plant in Andhra Pradesh?

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: There is no proposal under consideration. But the question has to be put to the Prime Minister.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: I also want to know whether a super thermal station is going to be installed at Ramagundam or Vijayawada.

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: It is under the consideration of the Government.

PROF. A. K. AMIN: This question of stable or unstable production of energy is creating a lot of disturbance in the country. I would like to know whether the Government is thinking of evolving a countrywide grid with respect to electricity so that the question of surplus and deficit can be solved and the question of stable and unstable production can be solved.

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: Yes. The policy of the Government is to evolve a national grid and as soon as it is evolved, probably this problem can be solved.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: The Minister has just stated that the Government is considering the policy of a national grid. I would like to know whether in considering this policy adequate protection will be given to tariff rates in different States. Secondly I would also like to know from the hon. Minister whether in view of the power shortage that is perennially there in my State Tamil Nadu, what stops are being taken to speed up the commissioning of Kalpakkam atomic energy plant.

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: Steps are being taken to ease the power situation in the southern region also and towards that end only a third unit in Tuticorin and another unit in Neyveli are being processed in the Department and with regard to the atomic power station, I think the question has to be addressed to the Prime Minister.

Oral Answers

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: You have not answered the question about the protection of tariff rates in the context of the national grid.

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: That has to be done by the State Governments. They have to take into consideration the cost of production of energy and also evolve a tariff policy.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Sir, the Prime Minister can answer my other question, as he is here.

MR. SPEAKER: The Prime Minister cannot answer the question off-hand.

SHRI A. C. GEORGE: Sir, it is a well-known fact that Kerala has got great potentialities for hydro-electric power and right now only one-third of its potentialities are being exploited. There is a proposal to generate the cheaper hydro-electric power in the Silent Valley project and the clearance of the Planning Commission or almost every department has been given. But in spite of that, on the plea of some wild life preservation or something like that, that ambitious project is being stalled. In view of the shortage of electricity in the southern grid will the hon. Minister assure this House that the obstacle for the Silent Valley project proposal is cleared and the project is expedited? 1

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: At the moment I don't have information about the Silent Valley project. But if a separate question is put I will try to answer.

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भी श्वीरेक्न श्रस्तदः विहार राज्य में दामो-दर वैली कारपोरेशन जो पानी से बिजली का उत्पादन करता है स्या जितना उत्पा-दन उसे करना था उतना कर रहा है ?

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: For the information of the hon. Member, I would say that DVC hydro is generating more than the designed potential.

विधान समा के चनावों में हुई हिंसक घटनाएं

*248 श्री निहार लास्कर :

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की क्रुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत विधान सभा के चुनावों के दौरान किन-किन स्थानों पर हिंसक घटनायें हई ;

(ख) राज्य वार कितने कार्यकर्ता मारे गयें तथा घायल हुए ; ग्रौर

(ग) इन हिंसक घटनाग्रों के संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

नुह संत्री (श्री चरण सिंह): (क) और (ख़). विवरण सदन के पटल पर रखा जाता है [ग्रन्थालय म रखा गया। देखिए संख्या एस टी 553/77]

(ग) मामले दर्ज किये गये हैं ग्रौर आचि पड़ताल की जा रही है।

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: It is really tragic to find that in almost all the States—and especially in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh—so many people had to lose their lives, because they wanted to exercise their democratic rights. Particularly about Bihar, can you give details as to the categories to which these 30 people who were killed, belonged? (Interruption) MR. SPEAKER: Order now.

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: I want to know whether they belonged only to the weaker sections of the society.

SHRI CHARAN SINGH: The question asked was about the number of places where the incident₃ took place, and the number of workers killed or injured; and thirdly, what action is being taken. I have given these answers.

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: I would like specifically to know this: out of these 30 people, how many belonged to the weaker communities—particularly to the Harijan community.

SHRI CHARAN SINGH: I do not have this information.

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: Has it come to the notice of the hon. Home Minister that in a particular place, it has been found that weaker sections particularly have been prevented from exercising their franchise? If so, is the government thinking of putting an end to such corrupt practices in future?

MR. SPEAKER: Protection is provided to everybody according to the circumstances of the case. There is no question of weaker sections or of stronger sections where crime is concerned.

श्<mark>वी शिव नारायण</mark>ः मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूं कि जो मर गये हैं नया उन को कोई कम्पेन्सेशन सरकार देगी ?

- **श्री चरण सिंहः** जी नहीं । कम्पेन्सेशन का कोई सवाल नहीं उठता ।

SHRI K. MALLANNA: There are about 12 States; and the number of injured is 823, and the number killed 39. The inference is that there was no law and order in these States. What is the reaction of the Government to this?