SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Yes, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSILAL): Collieries and the State Governments.

PROF, K.K. TEWARY: Let there be a half-an-hour discussion on this.

MK. SPEAKER: I think Mr. Bansi Lal told me the other day that they are taking steps to stop these mal-practices.

PROF, K.K. TEWARY: Coal is a very sensitive matter.

MR. SPEAKER: That is what they are trying to do. Wherever this phenomenon of mafia type gangsterism exists, it has to be curbed, stopped and wiped out And that is what I think Mr. Bansi Lal will take care of.

PROF. K. TEWARY: The two Ministries coal and Railways plus the State Governments must take coordinated action because this menace is continuing for years.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, that is what they will do.

SHRI ARUN NEHRU: Please do not leave out the Ministry of power.

(Interruptions)

Fly-over Bridge at Borivalee, Bombay

*782. SHRI; ANOOPCHAND SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to construct a fly-over bridge at Borivalce, Bombay (near Daulat Nagar) as the people are feeling great difficulty and have to wait for a long time to cross the railway line by vehicle; and
 - (b) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSILAL): (a) No, Sir,

(b) The Railways have not yet received any firm proposal from the Bombay Municipal Corporation/State

Government, to construct Road Over Bridge in replacement of this level crossing on cost sharing basis as per extant rules.

[Translation]

SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister how many overbridges are under construction under the Western Suburban Railway in Bombay and how many new proposals are there with him in this regard. If there is no proposal regarding construction of an over bridge at the site at Borivalee which I showed him, then, may I know whether there is any proposal with him for construction of an overbridge at some site between Borivalee and Kandivalli?

[English]

SHRI BANSI LAL: This question pertains only to Borivalee fivover bridge. In respect of this particular level crossing No. 33 E the Bombay Municipal Corporation has a feeling that for the approaches, acquisition of land, which is heavily built upon, will be difficult and costly. They have indicated that they are presently not in a position to sponsor this proposal, but many bridges in the Bombay suburban areas have been built and the Railway Ministry, the State Government and local bodies are holding meetings to go into this question.

[Translation]

SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH: My specific question is how many bridges are under construction under the Western Suburban Railway and how many proposals are there with him.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister cannot give this information just now. If you desire, it can be given to your later.

[English]

SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH: My last supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: What do you mean by last supplementary? There are

only two supplementaries. I think, you have had two. You are having the third one.

[Translation]

SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH: One more, Sir. It is written in the reply that there is no firm proposal. Is any other proposal with him?

SHRI BANSILAL: There is no proposal.

Higher Ratting in Power Generation Equipment After 500 MW

*783. SHRI SATYENDRA NARA-YAN SINHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any decision has been taken regarding the next higher rating in power generation equipment after the 500 MW;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) A unit size of 500 MW is considered optimal at present.

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: I would like to know the reason why the Government is satisfied in continuing to have only 500 MW generaters. In other countries they have already developed generators of 1300 MW. It is a pity that in spite of having collaborations we have not been able to develop generators of 1,000 MW. So what is the particular reason as to why you have not geared up for having higher rated unit?

SHRIB. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the hon. Member is rightly expecting our country to be a match with the other

developing countries in this country. But as far as the experience in our country, goes, we have just stabilised 200 MW and for the first time one unit of 500 MW at Trombay has been started and it is functioning very well, and to see that it stabilises and to goin the experience, it takes many years and after that only we will decide in this direction. A Committee has already been set up to study the aspects on which the hon. Member is asking.

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: Sir, in order that even 500MW generator is not exposed to tripping due to lack of high density transmission lines, are we taking necessary steps to increase the high density transmission lines? (Interruptions). I mean high voltage because there is a lot of loss in transmission.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, we have already taken the programme of putting the HVDC lines in this country and I think the hon. Member who is senior enough, knows that it is progressing.

SHRI BHANU PRATAP SHARMA Mr. Speaker, Sir it is really creditable that we have started the manufacturing of 500MW turbines in our country. (Interruptions). BHEL has started. I think. Let the Minister make it clear. I would like to know whether we had started the manufacturing of 500MW turbines in our country, as I know, and whether we are self-sufficient in the manufacturing of these turbines in our country, Secondly, I would like to know whether our Government has assessed the requirement of the total number of units required during the Seventh Plan by the NTPC of that 500MW capacity.

SHRIB. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the BHEL has already started manufacturing the 500MW turbines and the Government have already undertaken to set up 17 stations of 500MW—2 at Singarauli, 3 at Korba, 3 at Ramagundam, 2 at Farakka, 2 at Rihand, 2 at Anpara, 2 at Chandrapur and one at Trombay.