

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, August 22, 1985/
Sravana 31, 1907 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven
of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Shrimati Indira Gandhi Medical Institute,
Patna

*430. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI :
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government are aware that the project of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, to be built at Patna, for which the foundation stone was laid by the President of India on 12 February, 1983, has not made much progress so far;

(b) if so, whether it is due to paucity of funds or lack of proper planning and management; and

(c) whether the Union Government propose to extend financial and other assistance to ensure the completion of the project before the end of Seventh Plan as a befitting memorial to the late Prime Minister ?

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[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Reports indicate that the Institute has recorded appreciable progress in two years.

(c) The project is included in the State Seventh Plan and a sum of Rs. 20.00 crores has been earmarked for the Institute during the Seventh Plan. The provision for the current financial year is Rs. 4.00 crores.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, first of all, I want to congratulate the hon. Minister that he has not given a long reply in the maze of which we would have been lost. His answer is positive; it is not negative. Mr. Speaker, Sir, about one third of our country's people live in the North-East which is a backward region. Keeping in view the need for an Institute of Medical Sciences in the entire region, the Government of Bihar have set up a Medical Institute in the name of the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The services of medical specialists are being made available to the poor and the middle class people in the Institute in an extraordinary manner. Those who cannot afford to go to Bombay, Delhi or Vellore for special treatment are being provided with these facilities there. Its working is excellent. The hon. Minister has himself admitted it. A report has also been laid on the Table of the Bihar Assembly wherein the working of this Institute has been lauded. Land measuring 400 acres is available for this Institute and it is equipped with modern equipment and clinical facilities and doctors, etc., are also available. I want to know whether

Government propose to declare this Institute an Institute of national importance; will the hon. Minister make an announcement in this regard? (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : It is a symbol of equality.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : So that it may get national and international assistance and this Institute devoted to the memory of Shrimati Indira Gandhi could progress in the service of the mankind.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shrimati Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences is a project of the Government of Bihar; it is not a Central Government project and, as I said earlier, it has recorded appreciable progress so far. The shortage of funds is felt everywhere and this project is no exception. It is because of this that the work on this project is being undertaken phase-wise. In spite of all this, this project has made tremendous progress. About six services have already been started and the other two are likely to start in a month or two. So far as the question of declaring it an institute of national importance is concerned, its question does not arise as yet.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I said earlier, in spite of the fact that this institute is located in Patna, the people of the entire North-East India are being benefited. Secondly, there is so much pressure on your All India Institute of Medical Sciences that even we people experience a lot of difficulty there and besides, all the people of the nearby areas come there. As the hon. Minister has told, there is a provision of Rs. 20 crores for this institute in the Seventh Five Year Plan. But the Government of Bihar has allocated only a sum of Rs. 4 crores for the year 1985-86. If allocation of funds for such a giant project continues to be on this scale, perhaps, Bihar Government would be able to complete the project in two or three centuries...because they do not have resources; that is a poor State. Though

it is said that Central Government would not provide assistance if the work is not satisfactory, yet when a good work is done—as is the case with this Institute—the Central Government do not give money. Therefore, I want to know from the Central Government whether they will provide financial assistance, man power and other facilities to this Institute so that more and more service to the mankind could be rendered by this institute which is being run in the name of Shrimati Indira Gandhi?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, good work is done with the cooperation of the Central Government and in the present case also the Government of India have extended considerable cooperation. States are also allocated plan resources by the Central Government according to the Gadgil formula and the submission of the hon. Member that it will take unduly long time to complete is not correct. Even if the project progresses at the present speed, it will be completed in fifteen years.

[English]

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister was talking about the Gadgil formula. If we go by this formula, I am sure that the Bihar Government, will not be able to... (Interruption).

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Now it has become 'V. N. Gadgil formula'.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : But it is known as 'Gadgil formula' only.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : I think this will be the best memorial to the memory of the late lamented Shrimati Indira Gandhi. Keeping in view the resources constraint, and the resources at the disposal of the Bihar Government, I am sure that the Bihar Government will never be able to complete this. This will cover

the needs of the entire region. The pressure on medical institutions in other parts, especially in Delhi is so heavy, that this needs to be off-loaded. In view of this, I think that the best thing to do will be for the Central Government to take over it.

MR. SPEAKER : Ask him whether he is going to take it over or not.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : I think that the Health Ministry has to take over it so that it can be developed as a befitting memorial.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : Sir, Bihar is one of the biggest States of the country having the maximum natural resources, but I do not know why the hon. Member is considering it as poor. They are not exploiting those resources.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : I did not say that we were poor. I have talked about the resources constraint.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : There is no proposal at present.

Rated capacity of power plants

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*431. DR. A. K. PATEL :

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of those thermal, hydel and diesel power stations which are

operated by Central Government agencies ;

(b) what is the rated capacity of each power plant and also actual average capacity and percentage of utilisation (load factor) in each of the last three years ; and

(c) names of the top 5 power plants in public sector and also 5 top plants in the private sector and how do they compare in regard to their load factor and cost of generation per unit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c). A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) and (b). Names of thermal power stations in the Central Sector (utilities only), along with their capacity and plant load factor during 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, and 1985-86 (April-July) are indicated in attached *Annexure*. Names of hydel power stations in the Central Sector (utilities only), along with their capacity and generation during 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 (April-July) are also indicated in attached *Annexure*. The plant load factor in the case of hydel power stations is not an accepted parameter for judging their performance. Therefore, their plant load factor is not calculated.

No diesel stations are operated by Central Government agencies.

(c) Names and performance of 5 thermal power plants in the Public Sector and those of Private Sector utilities are as given below :—