

Progress in the construction of Them Dam .

1567. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made regarding the construction of Them Dam during the last one year;

(b) whether the progress has been according to the schedule; if not, what are the reasons therefor for delay;

(c) what is the budget allocation for the project for 1988-89 and for 1989-90; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Construction of Them! Dam Project in Punjab is being executed by Govt. of Punjab. The works involved in pre-diversion stage such as excavation and concrete lining of diversion tunnels, drainage tunnels, excavation of spillway etc. are in progress.

(b) The progress of works suffered a set back during the last year due to heavy floods in September, 1988 and again in January, 1989 which caused damage to civil works and equipment.

(c) The budget allocation for the year 1988-89 was of the order of Rs. 105 crores. An outlay of Rs. 100 crores has been fixed for this Project for the year 1989-90.

(d) As per present indications the completion of the Project is envisaged during the year 1995-96.

Setting up of Super Thermal Power Station in Chandrapur in Maharashtra

1568. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has finalised its scheme

for setting up of super thermal power station at Chandrapur in Maharashtra;

(b) what is the progress made in this regard;

(c) whether the Planning Commission and the pollution Board of Maharashtra have given their clearance;

(d) if so, which is the site identified for setting up of the project;

(e) if the answer to part (c) above is in the negative, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) what amount of coal linkage has been sanctioned by the Coal India Limited; and

(g) by when work on the project is likely to commence and what are the details of cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (g) The feasibility report prepared by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for the setting up of a Super Thermal Power Project (2x500 MW) near village Madheri in the Chandrapur district in Maharashtra has been techno-economically appraised by the Central Electricity Authority. Coal linkage and clearance from the environmental and forestry angles are not yet available.

The proposal could be processed further after the various inputs (including coal linkage) have been tied up and the requisite clearances are available. The latest estimated cost of the proposed project is Rs. 1746.4 crores.

Setting up of Rihand Delhi high voltage direct current project

1569. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far with regard to the setting up of Rihand-Delhi high voltage direct current project; and