

RAJYA SABHA

*Monday, the 21st March, 1983\$ 30
Phalguna, 1904 {Saka}*

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Mirza Irshadbaig Aiyubbaig
(Gujarat)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 301.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Sir, you can call the question, I have got no objection.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have objection, you may have no objection.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, this item is not there on the agenda. Though I welcome the hon. Member, I only want to bring it to your notice for the sake of procedure. It is no contention, but the procedure should be correct.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We received notice. He wanted to take the oath and we gave him the chance.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I welcome the hon. Member, a young boy, coming from Gujarat.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is just nothing.

. Cost Escalation of super Thermal Power Projects

*301. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK.—t
SHRI ABDUL REHMAN
SHEIKH:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that all the five super thermal power projects under construction or proposed to be

t The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Satya Pal Malik.

constructed have been facing the problem of cost escalation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated escalation in the cost of these projects as against the original estimates and the reasons therefor; and

(c) to what extent the commissioning schedule of these projects is likely to be disturbed and what steps are contemplated by Government to check further cost escalation and to ensure their completion within the time bound schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) Besides Vindhyachal and Rihand power projects which are in an early stage of construction, National Thermal Power Corporation is constructing Singrauli (2000 MW), Korba (2100 MW), Ramagundam (2100 MW) and Farakka (600 MW in Stage-I) Super Thermal Power Projects, alongwith the associated transmission lines. There are cost escalations in these projects, vide details in Annexure.

The increase in the project costs has arisen mainly on account of increase in prices of equipment and construction materials as also in the level of wages. Other contributory factors have been change in scope based on detailed engineering and inclusion of substations in the 400 KV transmission system and incidence of Customs Duty on imported equipment.

The progress of implementation of these projects is being monitored intensively in regard to both costs and construction schedules. All the units projected for completion in the Sixth Plan will be commissioned according to schedule. Every effort is being made within the availability of resources, to maintain maximum tempo* on the other units.