

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) : (a) and (b) Government are aware of the activities of certain secessionist elements and a small section of Sikhs indulging in acts of violence. The National Council of Khalistan and the Dal Khalsa who are raising secessionist slogans, have been declared unlawful. The Government of Punjab have taken cognizance of all incidence of violence and initiated action against the culprits.

Setting up Regional/Branch Office of BHEL in Trivandrum

*359. SHRI M.M. JACOB: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to open a Regional/Branch Office of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited in Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, whether any final decision has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss of industrial production due to power shortage

*360. SHRI R.R. MORARKA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what was the loss of industrial production due to power shortage during the last three years and in the current year both in terms of quantity and value;

(b) what is the power cut at present existing in different States for industries; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to augment the power supply of the deficit States where the power cut is more than 50 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):

(a) As industrial production is determined by several factors including the availability of power, it may not be possible to identify and precisely quantify the extent of production loss due only to power shortage. However, on the basis of inadequate data furnished by certain industries which draw power at H.V., the Central Electricity Authority have made a rough overall estimate of total loss of production due to power shortage at Rs. 400 crores in 1978-79, Rs. 2000 crores in 1979-80 and Rs. 2500 crores in 1980-81; the data for 1981-82 is still under compilation and information for the current year is not available.

(b) A Statement showing present power cut in various States is enclosed. {See below}

(c) Efforts are being made to maximise additions to the generating capacity by closely monitoring the progress of construction of power projects. Coordination meetings are being arranged between the State Electricity Boards and the equipment suppliers to speed up the deliveries of equipment. Periodical review meetings are being taken to identify the bottlenecks and take remedial action wherever necessary. Steps are also being taken to improve the performance of power stations by carrying out necessary modifications in the existing power stations. Regional Load despatch centres are being established and inter-state/inter-regional transmission links are being strengthened to enable the power systems in the