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Singrauli Coal-Power Complex

1653. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of the Singrauli coal-power complex has commenced; and
- (b) if so, what is the prograst made in this regard till the 31st December, 1981?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (?) and (b) The Singrauli Coalfields have large coal reserves which can sustain considerable thermal generation. The coal production from the Singrauli Coalfields is expected to be 9.40 million tonnes in 1984-85.

The National Thermal Power Corporation is setting up a. 2000 MW Super Thermal Power Station at Singrauli in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh. The first 200 MW unit of the station was synchronized in February, 1982. The feasibility report for Stage-I of 1260 MW of the Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Station in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh in the Singrauli region has been granted technoeconomic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority and is being processed for an investment decision. The Anapara 'A' Thermal Station of 630 MW of UPSEB under execution is also located in the Singrauli region.

Postponement of final voters' list of West Bengal

1654. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the major reasons in postpon-

ing the publication of the final voters' list o'f West Bengal is related to the alleged detection of a large number of non-citizens in the voters' Ust of West Bengal Assembly constituencies; and

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(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRT JAGAN NATH KAUSHAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Power failure in Bihar due to irregular supply oif coal

1655. SHRI PATTIAM RAJAN: SHRI K. CHATHUNNI MASTER:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased *to* state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been virtual breakdown of the thermal power sta-tions in Bihar resulting in acute power failure in the State;
- (b) whether the Mafia rule in Dhanbad Coal Mining Area has been responsible for retarding supply of coal to these thermal stations; and
- (c) if so, what measures have been taken to ensure regular supply of coal to the Thermal Power Stations in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) There has been some set back in generation of thermal power Stations under Bihar State Electricity Board in December. 1981 and January 1982.

- (b) No. Sir.
- (c) The coal receipts in the Thermal Power Stations of Bihar have increased by 13 per cent during April 81 to January 82 as compared to the corresponding period last year. However.