

(d) how many new thermal power projects are likely to be set up under the programme; and

(e) to what extent it will help overcome the power crisis in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (e) Power planning is a continuous exercise and for every five year Plan period, a power Plan is also evolved to meet the demands in projected time-frame. At present, a Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission is examining the power requirements for the Plan period 1980—85 as well as a perspective of power demand upto 1980—90 and the mix of projects feasible and the resources required to meet the demand. The Working Group has not submitted its report and the 6th Plan has not yet been finalised.

Unsatisfactory working of DVC power stations

797. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of ENERGY

AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited Chandrapura, Bokaro and Durgapur power stations on the 4th and 5th April 1980 and had found that things in the Damodar Valley Corporation are drifting from bad to worse;

(b) whether it is also a fact that situation got worse after his visit;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the units there went out of order and generation capacity came down to 40 MW; and

(d) what are the reasons for the same and what steps are being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The Minister for Energy and Irrigation visited the thermal power stations of the DVC on 4th and 5th April 1980. The generation at these stations on the above days, as against the average for the month of March 1980 is as given below:—

(In MKWH)

	4-4-80	5-4-80	March, 80 (Total)	March, 80 (Average per day)
DTPS	2.48	2.28	91.00	2.93
CTPS	5.39	4.31	172.00	5.55
BTPS	1.22	1.49	77.00	2.48
	9.09	8.08	340.00	

From the above figures it will be seen that there has not been any deterioration but on the contrary there has been improvement, as a result of the Minister's visit.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Special efforts are made to bring back in operation at the ear-

liest units that are on outage. The services of British experts are being utilised with a view to identifying the problems in depth and evolving suitable remedies. The State Government has been requested to take measures for improving the law and order situation so that personnel with the power stations can work in a more congenial atmosphere.