

Thermal Power Generation affected due to coal shortage

*470. SHRI M. K. MOHTA:

SHRI J. P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Thermal Power Stations in the country that had to reduce power generation or were closed down during the last six months due to shortage of coal;

(b) the period for which these power stations had to reduce power generation or remained closed and the States affected as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the full coal requirements of these power stations?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Two large power stations namely Nasik and Paras in Maharashtra, which have a total installed capacity of 372 MW have been partially affected for want of coal to the extent of nearly 50 per cent of the installed capacity. This, however, has been for short periods only. Nine small stations in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh with a total capacity of about 80 MW were also affected for want of coal to the extent of 75 per cent of their capacity. The coal supplies have since greatly improved.

(c) Sustained efforts are being made jointly with the Department of Mines and the Railway Board to maintain coal supplies to the power stations and build up reasonable coal stock in them. A control room has been set up in the Railway Board to watch the movement of coal to the power stations and to facilitate timely action being taken to rush coal supplies to stations where these are urgently needed.

Complaints relating to corruption charges against Railway Engineers

*471. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints relating to charges of corruption against railway engineers received by Government during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) the number, out of them, which have been enquired into; and

(c) the action taken against the officers found guilty after enquiry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

[See Appendix LXXXV, Annexure No. 42.]

Ranganga Dam

*472. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the completion of the Power-cum-Irrigation Ranganga Dam, which is already about 4 years behind the schedule is likely to be delayed further;

(b) if so, the number of times the schedule was revised and the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the original estimated cost and the extent of escalation in the cost due to delay in its commissioning; and

(d) What is the revised schedule for its commissioning and the steps contemplated by Government to ensure its completion according to the revised schedule?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) to (d)