

रहे हैं कि उनके अधिकारों में कुछ कानूनी तब्दीली कर दी जाए ताकि आपकी पुलिस फोर्स भी इस काम को कर सके जो कि लोकल पुलिस करती है ?

श्री सभापति : ह्यागी जी, जवाब उन्होंने दे दिया है। I do not know if he has any-thin" more to say on this.

SHRI T. A. PAI : This is what I had suggested. We are now engaged in the exercise of finding out as to how it can be done.

MR. CHAIRMAN : They are doing it.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE FROM INDOR£ TO BARODA VIA DOHAD, DHAR AND JHABUA

415. SHRI BALRAM DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the people of Jhabua requesting for the construction of a railway line connecting Indore and Baroda via Dohad, Dhar and Jhabua; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dohad and Baroda are connected by broad gauge 'via Godhra. Engineering and traffic surveys for broad gauge/metre gauge rail link between Indore and Dohad via Jhabua and Dhar carried out earlier revealed that the line would cost Rs. 7.94 crores for B. G. and would not be remunerative. In the absence of any major development in these areas the line is not likely to be economically viable. The proposal is therefore not being considered.

THERMAL POWER STATIONS IN MAHARASHTRA

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

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(a) whether Government have finalised proposals to set up two super thermal power stations in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the expected time for completion of the projects ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BATJ NATH KUREEL) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) Maharashtra State authorities have submitted proposals for setting up two large-sized thermal power plants, one at Koradi where three units of 200 MW each are proposed to be installed in the Fifth Plan as Stage III (in addition to the four units of 120 MW each comprising Stages I & II, work on which is already progressing) and another at a new site at Chandrapur in the Chanda colliery area with an installed generating capacity of 1300 MW, comprising four sets of 200 MW each and one set of 500 MW.

2. The necessary coal for the Koradi Thermal Power Station would be availed from Silewara in the neighbourhood of the site supplemented by rail-borne coal from Kamptee and Pench Valley coalfields. Cooling water for the power station will be availed from Pench reservoir at Totladoh supplemented by the Kampteegheri weir and the baby canal leading to the station. Koradi Extension is estimated to cost Rs. 97.4 crores.

3. The Chandrapur Thermal Power Station will utilise the coal reserves available in Chanda, Ghugus, Majri and Ballarshah fields. Cooling water would be availed from Trai river supplemented by storage of water at Andhari. The generating equipment including the 500 MW unit is to be procured indigenously. The estimated cost of the Chandrapur Station is Rs. 221.6 crores.

4. The first generating unit at both the projects may be expected to be completed after five years from the date of sanction. The projects are at present under examination in the Central Water and Power Commission.