

1973 it was envisaged that the reactors of Unit I and Unit II of the Narora Atomic Power Station would attain criticality by early 1981 and early 1982 respectively. According to the present schedule the first unit of the Project is expected to attain criticality by the end of 1982 and the second unit by the end of 1983. Full commissioning can be expected a few months after criticality.

(b) The slippage in the criticality schedule is mainly on account of :

- (i) some delay in acquiring land for the Project due to resistance by the landowners,
- (ii) extensive work involved in analysis and design of structures and equipment due to location of the project in a seismic zone,
- (iii) decision to adopt closed cooling system with cooling towers at a late stage due to doubts regarding availability of adequate cooling water supply; which in turn resulted in the delays in finalising the associated systems.

(c) and (d). The delays upto now are not ascribable to engineering firms who are manufacturing the reactor components. Orders for fabrication of most of the reactor components have been placed. Raw materials procured by the Department have been delivered to manufacturers and the fabrication of the components is in progress. Efforts are being made to ensure completion of manufacture in accordance with the present schedules.

Expert Committee on Samachar

6085. SHRI KISHORE LAL :

SHRI HARIKESH
BAHADUR :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Expert Committee constituted to study structure of Samachar has submitted its report ;

(b) when was it expected to submit its report ;

(c) whether there is any delay and the reasons thereof ; and

(d) whether Government have fixed time limit for implementation of the Report ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) The Committee has completed its work and its Report is likely to be received shortly.

(b) and (c). No time-limit had been fixed for the Committee to make its recommendations on all the terms of Reference, but it was required to make its recommendations on one of them, namely the structure of Samachar, within three weeks. However, when the Committee took evidence from witnesses and studied the problem it came to the conclusion that it was not feasible to isolate one of the terms of Reference since all of them were inter-connected. Considering the work involved and the other engagements of the Members of the Committee, there has been no delay.

(d) No, Sir. However, the Report will be implemented as quickly as possible.

Labour trouble in B.H.E.L., Bhopal

6086. SHRI KANWAR LAL
GUPTA :

SHRI OM PRAKASH
TYAGI :

SHRI SHANKERSINHJI
VAGHELA :

SHRI ANANT DAVE :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is some labour trouble in BHEL, Bhopal ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount of loss suffered by the Company due to the strike ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to meet the situation and redress the grievances of workers ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) :

(a) Yes, Sir. There was labour trouble in BHEL, Bhopal from 14th July, 1977 to 26th July, 1977.

(b) The labour trouble started on 14-7-77 consequent upon the tool down strike by C I Grade Artisans for a larger number of promotions over and above those entitled under the promotion policy of the Company. Subsequently other demands such as promotion of workers every 3 years, provision of houses for all employees, encashment of leave travel concession, conveyance allowance to all employees who possess