

Boring by ONGC at Ramshehar District Solan in Himachal Pradesh

7302. SHRI GANGA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for abandoning the boring by O.N.G.C. at Ramshehar district Solan (Himachal Pradesh); and

(b) whether the boring was done at the points and upto the depth suggested by the Geological Survey; if not, reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Projected depth of Ramshehar Well No. 1 was 4000 metres. It was targeted to drill the Subathu Section. But after drilling down to the depth of 1700 metres the Siwalik succession got repeated due to the presence of Paonta thrust, which was not anticipated earlier. The data has been re-evaluated and it suggests that depth of Subathu would be more than 6 Kms. and there is no anticlinal structure below the thrust. As such drilling was discontinued at a depth of 2648 metres.

(b) Yes, Sir. The boring was done at point suggested by the Geological Survey but the well had to be abandoned at 2648 metres only for reasons given at (a) above.

Magazines published by Publications Division

7303. SHRI RAM NARISH KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of English and Hindi magazines published by the Publications Division and the details of the pay scales and qualifications of Editors and other editing staff for each of these magazines pertaining to the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the central official language committee had taken a decision two years ago that English and Hindi publications should be given equal status and facilities; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not implementing this decision in respect of some of magazines indicating the full details of implementation of the decision and the action proposed to be taken against the officers responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) A statement is attached. The entire editorial staff for these journals belong to the Central Information Service to which recruitment is made though the UPSC. The incumbents are liable to be transferred to other posts within the Cadre.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The recommendations of the Central Official Language Committee have been accepted in principle. In case of certain journals, however, the implementation of these recommendations are at various stages of finalisation.

Statement

S. No.	Name of Publication	Periodicity	Staffing pattern			
			Chief Editor (Pay scale)	Editor/ Senior Corrpd. (Pay scale)	Assistant Editor (Pay scale Rs. 470-750)	Sub-Editor (Pay scale)
			Rs. 1500-1800)	Rs. 1100-1600)	Rs. 650-1200)	
1	Yojana (English)	Fortnightly	1	..	2	1
2	Yojana (Hindi)	Do.	..	1	1	1
3	Kurukshetra (English)	Do.	..	1	2	1
4	Kurukshetra (Hindi)	Monthly	1	1
5	Bal Bharati (Hindi)	Do.	..	1	..	1
6	Ajkal (Hindi)	Do	..	1	..	1
7	Ajkal (Urdu)	Do.	..	1	..	1
8	Indian & Foreign Review (Eng.)	Fortnightly.	1	..	2	1

NOTE. The incumbent of the post of Chief Editor (Yojana) is responsible for coordination and supervision of editing work of all the other language editions of the 'Yojana'. Also, there has been no change in the above staffing pattern for the last three years, except that the post of the Assistant Editor for "Bal Bharati" (Hindi) was converted in the post of Editor in February, 1979.

It may also be mentioned that yet another journal "Bhagirath"—Hindi and English is printed by Publications Division on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation but without having any control upon its policy and staffing pattern.

Closing of Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Plant for want of Coal ..

**7304. SHRI IQBAL SINGH
DHILLON:**

**CHOWDHRY BALBIR
SINGH:**

**DR. BALDEV PRAKASH:
SHRI GANGA SINGH:**

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Plant has been completely closed on 21st March, 1979 for want of coal;

(b) whether the said plant had been operating by fits and starts since January for want of coal only;

(c) if so, whether the people of Punjab are suffering heavy losses because of the closure of this plant; and

(d) the reasons why coal was not supplied to this plant in time to enable its regular functioning?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY
(SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN):** (a)
No, Sir.

(b) Availability of linked quantity of coal was also a constraint in the operation of the station.

(c) The question of people of Punjab suffering heavy losses does not arise as the shortfall in generation from thermal power station was fully made up by proportional increase in hydro generation.

(d) This thermal station is linked with CCL and WCL mines and the quantity of coal received from both these sources had been less than the allocation due to number of reasons