

indicate precisely the quantity of steel that would be imported in 1973-74, as this would *inter-alia* depend upon the import policy for the year which will be announced very shortly.

Loss of Production in heavy Industries due to Power Shortage

4159. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) the extent to which the production in the Heavy Industrial establishments of the country have been affected by the recent power shortage and the total estimated loss;

(b) whether Government propose to set up separate power generating units in these establishments; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent such losses in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). Production in some of the States in the heavy industrial establishment has suffered a severe set back because of the 75 per cent power-cut. In other States where the extent of power-cut has been of the level of 25 per cent or more, there have been marginal dislocation of the production schedule. It has, however, not been possible to quantify the extent of loss due to this factor.

One heavy industrial establishment in Uttar Pradesh is already having its own generating set. There is a proposal from another unit in Uttar Pradesh to set up its own generating set. The Ministry of Irrigation and Power have considered the problem of power shortage at Regional Power Conferences at which recommendations have been made both for immediate measures and for taking longer term action during the V Plan. The short term measures include acceleration of work on a priority basis on power projects and generating units which

may have gone out of repair, as an immediate measure. In some cases, attempts are being made to bridge the gap by borrowing power from nearby surplus areas. The matter is also under constant review by a Group of Ministers constituted for this purpose.

The long term measures include setting up of new projects to be commissioned in the Fifth Plan to meet the increasing power requirements of the country.

In the case of hydro-electric projects, where there is complete dependence on rainfall and storage in the reservoirs, this year's drought has caused power shortages. It is to be hoped that the situation will improve with the next monsoon.

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4160. श्री बन्धूलाल बन्धारकर : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वायसेना जामनगर स्टेशन का एक लड़ाकू विमान सामान्य उड़ान के दौरान जल गया था तथा नष्ट हो गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस दुर्घटना की कोई जांच कराई है; और

(ग) उसका क्या परिणाम निकला तथा क्षतिमानतः कितनी हानि हुई ?

रक्षामंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमन् ।

(ख) और (ग). इस दुर्घटना के बारे में जांच करने के लिए जिस जांच-प्रदायक को आदेश दिये गये थे उसकी कार्रवाई अभी पूरी नहीं हुई है ।