

commissioning schedule of the project is as follows :-

Unit	Capacity	Schedule
Gas Turbine-I	115 MW	March, 1999
Gas Turbine-II	115 MW	May, 1999
Steam Turbine-I	120 MW	March, 2000

The first Gas Turbine (115 MW) of the project has been test synchronised on 2.11.1998, five months ahead of schedule. Work on the remaining units is progressing satisfactorily.

(b) A total expenditure of about Rs. 403.11 crores was incurred upto 31.3.1998. The project would be able to achieve its full potential by March 2000, when all the three units would be installed with an installed capacity of 350 MW.

World Conference on Higher Education

158. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether India participated in the World Conference on higher education held in Paris recently;

(b) if so, the contributions of Indian delegation; and

(c) the details of proposals adopted at the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Indian Delegation participated in most of discussions in the conference. Particular contributions were made in drafting of the World Declaration on Higher Education. Amendments and modifications were suggested by the delegation, most of which were incorporated in the Declaration and they have been underlined in the final World Declaration accepted by the Conference, copies of which have been made available to the Parliament Library for record and reference purposes. A list of such important amendments and modifications is also given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Important amendments and modifications suggested by the Indian delegation in the World Declaration on Higher Education that were incorporated include the following :

(i) Emphasis on building the future, for which the younger generations will need to be

equipped with new skills, knowledge and ideals;

(ii) Our concern arising from the profound crisis of values that obliges our society to transcend mere economic considerations and incorporate deeper dimensions of morality and spirituality;

(iii) The need to ensure that the values and ideals of culture of peace prevail;

(iv) Emphasis on closer relationship between the world of knowledge and the world of work;

(v) The need to make higher education student-oriented;

(vi) Emphasis on new methods of education which will also imply new types of teaching-learning materials;

(vii) New Methods of testing that would promote not only power of memory but also powers of comprehension, skills of practical work and creativity;

(viii) Need to evolve "knowledge society" in order to ensure high quality and equitable regulations for access to prevail;

(ix) Need to involve both public and private resources for funding of higher education, even when the role of state remains essential;

(x) The crucial role of UNESCO in promoting international cooperation in the field of higher education and in implementing the world declaration; and

(xi) Consideration that should be given to according priority to the implementation of the world declaration in the development of UNESCO's next draft Programme and Budget.

Approval for Fly-Overs in Chandigarh

159. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal of constructing certain fly-overs in the Union Territory of Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be constructed; and

(d) the approximate cost of each such project?