

action should be taken in the matter in order to remove the difficulties being faced by the subscribers and to avoid heavy loss of revenue to the Department.

[*English*]

(vii) **Power Crisis in West Bengal and need to consider the offer of Britain and Hungary to Supply T.G. Units and Turbo Generators for CESE and Ramman Hydel Project of West Bengal**

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : The Government of West Bengal gave two proposals to the Central Government for importing T. G. Unit for Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation and 4 numbers of turbo generators for Ramman Hydel Project in West Bengal. For the first proposal for importing T.G. Unit from Britain an assurance was given by the Central Government that they were ready to consider the proposal of help offered by the British. The Chief Minister of West Bengal had talks with the then Finance Minister and the Industry Minister in this regard. But the then Finance Minister informed the Chief Minister of West Bengal that the British offer has been considered for other purposes and he advised that for this the State Government should discuss with BHEL. But the price of T.G. Unit of BHEL is higher than the T.G. Unit to be imported from Britain. Then CESE asked for permission to obtain loan to import T.G. Unit and submitted their proposals to the Central Government. The latter informed the State Government that since the BHEL has reduced the prices, let the CESC contact BHEL. Same is the case with regard to Ramman Hydel Project of Government of West Bengal. As the price offered by Hungary was less than that of BHEL and the latter was not also ready to accept the proposal of long term loan payment which Hungary had accepted.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to reconsider the offers immediately to combat the serious power crisis in the State.

13.44 hrs.

MOTION RE : THIRTY-SECOND AND THIRTY-THIRD REPORTS OF THE UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ALONG WITH GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM ON CASES OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION'S ADVICE MENTIONED THEREIN—*Contd.*

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN (SHRI ZAINUL BASHER) : The House will now take up item No. 10 of the agenda.

Shri Ramachandra Reddy to continue his speech.

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Hindupur) : Yesterday while the House adjourned I was speaking about the unemployment problem and also about the enhancement of the age of recruitment. To-day I would like to mention a few facts about this unemployment problem. The unemployment problem is a problem of himalayan proportions in our country. On a rough estimate about 450 lakhs of people have been registered in the Employment Exchanges. Every year the number is increasing by 10 to 12 lakhs, and out of these people it is the duty of the UPSC to select those who are fit to be government servants. While doing so the difference here is that as far as the rural people are concerned they are not in a position to compete on equal footing with the people who are living in cities. Rural