

I, therefore, request the Government to consider this matter seriously and declare the said district as a backward district without any further delay so that an atmosphere of industrialisation is created there. A big unit in the public sector should be set up there to ensure development of this district.

[English]

- (iii) **Need to complete the on-going power projects and to take up new projects during the 7th plan period to meet the increasing demand for power in the country**

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI (Sambalpur): According to the 12th load survey of the Central Electricity Authority the total requirement of power in India at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan will be of the order of 15103 MU, of which the utilities will be required to provide 10552 MU and the captive units are expected to provide 4551 MU. Therefore, it is imperative that not only the on-going power projects should be completed during the Seventh Plan but new projects must be taken up during the Seventh Plan so as to meet the shortage of power partly during the Seventh Plan and also to facilitate adequate availability of power at the beginning of the Eighth Plan.

The first priority may be given to completion of on-going projects. For example in Orissa the projects namely Rengali, Hirakud 7th Unit, Upper Kolab and Indravati Project should be completed as early as possible.

The next priority may be given to expansion projects of which Rengali Stage-II will receive the highest priority as this will facilitate generation of above 400 MU of additional power during the rainy season.

In order to meet the unprecedented growth of power demand the Ib Valley Project should be urgently taken up by NTPC instead of being in the State sector during this Plan.

Thus the need of additional power generation can be met only by completing on-going projects and taking up projects during the Seventh Plan.

- (iv) **Need to approve the Bombay Urban Transport Project Phase II urgently to and obtain sanction of the World Bank**

SHRI S. G. GHOLAP (Thane) : The population of Bombay and adjacent areas is near about one crores. Problems of road transport, rail transport, water transport and pedestrians have created a complicated situation in Bombay. BMRDA has prepared the Bombay Urban Transport Project Phase II the estimated cost of which is Rs. 525.66 crores. The Project has been informally discussed with the World Bank representative also. The Government of Maharashtra has recommended to the Ministry of finance, on 28th May, 1985 that the project be approved for being sent to the World Bank for assistance.

It is the urgent need of the Bombay and BMRDA area and the Government of India should look into it urgently and obtain sanction of the World Bank as early as possible.

- (v) **Need to provide adequate medical and financial assistance to Uttar Pradesh for checking the spread of encephalitis epidemic in eastern districts**

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN (Etah) : The State of Uttar Pradesh is in the grip of encephalitis epidemic, a dreaded viral disease which has claimed several hundred lives in the eastern districts of Deoria, Gorakhpur, Basti and Gonda. Cases have been reported from other districts also including the State Capital.

Out of the 411 seizures in 315 villages in Deoria district and 272 seizures in 228 villages in Gorakhpur district, 145 people in Deoria and 76 in Gorakhpur have died. In these two districts the disease has been taking a heavy toll for the past some years. A large number of cases have been detected by a team of medicos in Paharpur, Chatameel, Nagwamaun, Hajipur, Unnao and Anwari villages. The inhabitants who are subsisting on raw water weeds, fungus and sewage mixed water from flooded wells are not in a position to go to the city. The disease has mostly affected children between the age of 6 and 12 years.