

DR. RANEN SEN: In the statement on page 5, point No. 7 it is stated that during the Fifth Five Year Plan, the Calcutta Telephone network will expand, etc. etc. At present, the waiting list in Calcutta is about 60,000 and 10,000 applicants are under the OYT Scheme. May I know?

(a) whether the Minister is aware of the fact that since 1956 applications for new telephone connections in the bigger Calcutta area are pending before the Calcutta Telephones without any result;

(b) if so, whether this prospect of or an assurance of having this backlog cleared by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan will be sufficient for development of the Calcutta Telephones;

(c) if not, whether any step presently is being taken so that at least the older applications are immediately cleared with the help of the Central DGPT.

SHRI K. BRAHMANANDA REDDY: No. Sir. It is already said that the waiting list in Calcutta is 60,000 and we propose to provide 92,000 lines during the Fifth Plan. Now you may also remember that addition of lines mean more money to the Department as well. Therefore, we are also interested in quickening the pace.

DR. RANEN SEN: Is this the answer, Sir? Does he know how many applications are pending for the last 20 years? I wanted to know what steps he is going to take immediately to rectify this injustice. This is the answer—during the Fifth Plan they are going to do it.

MR SPEAKER: He says whatever is possible. He says that during the next Five Year Plan 92,000 lines will be provided and the waiting list is only 60,000.

SHRI K. BRAHMANANDA REDDY: In fact it is so. At Bombay the waiting list to-day is 1,34,000 and

we are proposing to give only 1,05,000 whereas at Calcutta the waiting list....

AN HON. MEMBER: Why?

SHRI K. BRAHMANANDA REDDY: Because of resource difficulty.

MR. SPEAKER: Now we pass on to the next item.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Setting up of Fertilizer Plants in Collaboration with Italy

\*611. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to set up five fertilizer plants in collaboration with Italy; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of collaboration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). While no such proposal is under consideration, the Italian credit assistance of around \$25 million is proposed to be utilised towards meeting the foreign exchange cost of one of the projects to be set up in the public sector during the Fifth Five Year Plan period.

कोयले की कमी के कारण दिल्ली में बिजली की कमी

†612. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरब क्या सिबाई और बिद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली बिजली घर में कोयले की कमी को देखते हुए बिजली में कटौती करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) बिजली की कितनी कटौती करने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ग) उक्त कटौती कब से कब तक रहेगी?

**लिखाई और विद्युत् मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त):** (क) से (ग). कोयले की कमी के कारण विद्युत्-उत्पादन में कोई कटौती नहीं हुई है। दिल्ली विद्युत् केन्द्रों के लिए समय पर कोयले की पर्याप्त सप्लाई को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए हर संभव प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है और इस कारण विद्युत्-उत्पादन पर पाबन्दी लगाने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। बहरहाल, दिल्ली प्रशासन में दिखावटी श्रयवा परिहार्य उपभोग को कम करने और पड़ोसी विद्युत् प्रणालियों को राहत पहुंचाने के ख्याल से दिल्ली में बिजली के उपयोग पर कुछ पाबन्दियां लगा दी है। ये पाबन्दियां उस समय तक लगानी होंगी, जब तक कि इस क्षेत्र में विद्युत् सप्लाई की स्थिति में सुधार नहीं हो जाता।

**Non-Utilisation of Installed Capacities of Fertiliser Plants**

\*619. **SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the utilisation of the installed capacities of the fertilizer plants is very low and the production in these plants has not reached even fifty per cent of the Fourth Plan targets;

(b) if so, the facts and reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. The mid-term appraisal of the 4th Plan had envisaged a production of 18 lakh tonnes of nitrogen with an installed capacity of 23.91 lakh tonnes of nitrogen by 1973-74. The actual production in 1973-74 was 10.60 lakh tonnes of nitrogen with an installed capacity in sustained operation of 14.64 lakh tonnes and in trial production/commissioning of an additional capacity of 4.75 lakh tonnes of nitrogen.

(c) Continuing efforts are being made to maximise production through measures like debottlenecking, renovation, modernisation, etc., and also expedite commissioning of new plants.

**Delay in Grant of Funds for Metropolitan Railway Project for Madras**

\*621. **SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:**

**SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has delayed the granting of funds for the construction of metropolitan Railway project for Madras;

(b) whether Government have since decided to sanction the amount; and

(c) If so, the salient features thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Techno-economic feasibility studies are in hand based on traffic data which are being furnished by the Tamil Nadu State Government. It is anticipated that the feasibility project report will be finalised by March 1975, after which the implementation of the metropolitan railway for Madras will be decided.