

Thermal Plants in Rajasthan

*248. SHRI B.K. DASCHOWDHURY:
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Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal from the Rajasthan Government for setting up two thermal plants in Rajasthan at an estimated cost of Rs. 12 crores to be based on lignite and coal has been received by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether a survey has been conducted about the power requirements of the State during the Fourth Plan period; and

(d) whether the survey had favoured such a proposal and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) :

(a) to (d). The Fourth Plan proposals of the Government of Rajasthan include the setting up of two thermal power stations in the State—One at Palana based on lignite and the other at a location in Chambal service area based on coal. The proposed power station at Palana is to comprise of two generating units of 50 MW each and that in the Chambal service area of three generating units of 62.5 MW each. These two power stations have been estimated to cost Rs. 19 crores and Rs. 24 crores respectively. The project reports in respect of these projects have not yet been received.

According to the Fifth Annual Power Survey conducted recently, the demand for power in Rajasthan is expected to rise to 630 MW by 1973-74. As against this, the aggregate installed generating capacity in Rajasthan is expected to rise to 982 MW with a firm capacity of 658 MW. Thus the total demand anticipated in Rajasthan by the end of Fourth Plan would be fully met.

Central and State Sector Resources

*249. SHRI P. M. SAYEED :
SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be

pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mysore Finance and Planning Minister has made a suggestion to the Central Government to consider the possibility of amending the Constitution so as to leave some elastic resources to the States and State Sector being given an outlay of Rs. 8,300 crores and Central Sector Rs. 6,500 crores ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) and (b). No such communication has been received from the Finance and Planning Minister, Mysore. However, the Chief Minister, Mysore had written to the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission suggesting a certain order of outlay for the Central and State sectors during the Fourth Five Year Plan. The Planning Commission have informed him that his suggestions would be kept in view while finalising the draft Fourth Plan.

Foreign Investment in India

*250. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Congress President has urged the Prime Minister to evolve policies and procedures that would encourage foreign investment in India ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) the steps Government have taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). The Congress President had undertaken a tour of Japan in July-August 1968 at the invitation of the Indo-Japanese Association. He also visited several countries of South East Asia on his way back to India. These visits were not sponsored by Government. On his return he conveyed confidentially to the Prime Minister his impressions of the tour including those relating to policies