

TEXTILES

Summary of Questions Asked

Issues pertaining to Textiles Mills, National Mills (NTC), Mill land, Mill workers, peoples staying in Mill Chawals.

1. ***Bharat Mata Theatre :***

Attention of Ministry was drawn towards the historical Bharat Mata (Marathi Cinema) Theatre.

2. ***Textile Workers :***

Issue of textiles mill worker's salary, difference in the pay scale of non-technical supervisory staff were highlighted.

3) ***Mill land :***

Proper policy to be drafted to sale surplus textile mills land to protect textile mill workers.

0LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 1393

ANSWERED ON 03.03.2000

DISCREPANCIES IN PAY SCALES IN NTC MILLS STAFF

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the NTC(South) Technical Supervisory Staff are getting lower pay scales than the staff of NTC in South India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any representation has been received from the Technical Supervisory Staff Association from NTC in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto

ANSWER

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Technical supervisory Staff of NTC(SM&MN) are getting lower pay scales than the staff of NTC mills in the South i.e. NTC(TN&P)Ltd. and NTC(APKK&M)Ltd.
- (b) In May 1990 it was decided that parity in respect of pay scales, DA other allowances could be implemented as 'package' amongst officers, technicians and supervisory staff employed in NTC mills of
 - (i)NTC(Guj.)Ltd.
 - (ii)NTC(SM) Ltd.;
 - (iii)NTC(MN) Ltd.;
 - (iv) NTC(TN&P) Ltd., vis-à-vis, the other five NTC Subsidiary Corporations. However, the management of NTC(SM) and NTC(MN) did not implement the package. NTC has reported that in the meantime, the Association of the Supervisory Staff have approached the Courts and the matter is sub-judice.
- (c)&(d):Some representations have been received in the matter. Since the Association of the Supervisory Staff have approached the Courts, further action will be taken based on the outcome of the case.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3977

ANSWERED ON 17.08.2000

NOTICE FOR EVICTION OF TENANTS

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether all the properties of the NTC in Mumbai are occupied by unauthorized occupants/tenants;
- (b) whether many of them are staying there before the existence of Public Premises Act;
- (c) whether NTC have served notices against tenants/unauthorized occupants of various buildings in Mumbai;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the public representatives have requested the Government to reconsider the legal position of NTC on this issue; and
- (f) if so, the steps NTC has planned to safeguard the interest of tenants/occupants of these buildings?

ANSWER

(a)to(f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3836

ANSWERED ON 13.12.2002

VACATING BHARAT MATA THEATRE

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government have planned to vacate Bharat Mata Theatre in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the proposal, response and future course of action to tackle this issue?

ANSWER

- (a) & (b) An eviction order against occupant of Bharatmata Theatre under Provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 was passed by Estate Officer of NTC(MN) as per the direction of Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai vide their judgement dated 5.3.2002. The occupants have filed an Appeal in the City Civil Court against the Eviction Order and the Court has granted 'stay' on eviction.
- (c) Pursuant to approval of Rehabilitation Scheme by BIFR, the property has been advertised for sale in accordance with BIFR directions. The final decision would be taken in due course.

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POWER

Summary of Questions Asked

Issues related to power cut, load-shedding in Mumbai, Maharashtra, support from Government of India, Dabhol Power Project, MSEB, Power reforms, support for BEST, were raised.

1. **BEST :**

Support package for BEST (BMC) raised. More than 50

2. **ENRON Power Project :**

Various issues regarding restarting of Enron Power Project, Financial concession, support from NTPC, IDBI, financial taxation benefit from Government of India. Government of India has committed full support to restart the whole project.

LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 1844

ANSWERED ON 08.03.2001

ENERGISATION OF IRRIGATION PUMPSETS

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government are implementing programme of energisation of irrigation pumpsets in the rural areas in Maharashtra during the Ninth Plan;
- (b) if so, the target set and achievement made so far in this regard;
- (c) the total funds allocated/released for this purpose during the Ninth Plan;
- (d) whether this scheme has shown encouraging results during the Eighth-Five Year Plan; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to allocate more funds for this scheme?

ANSWER

- (a) to (c) : The priorities and targets for carrying out pumpsets energisation programmes are determined by the State Governments concerned depending upon the availability of financial resources. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) provides loan assistance for rural electrification programme including pumpsets energisation to the State Governments/State Electricity Boards/Power Utilities. During the Ninth Plan (up to March, 2000), REC has disbursed Rs. 171.67 crores to the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) for energisation of pumpsets. Besides, a sum of Rs. 11 crores has also been allocated by REC during the financial year 2000-01 for implementation of MSEB's rural electrification programme. According to information available with CEA, during Ninth Plan upto November, 2000, 205902 pumpsets have been energized in Maharashtra.
- (d) During Eighth Five Year Plan 388557 pumpsets were energized against the target of 1,88,000 pumpsets (four years' target) in Maharashtra State since the target for pumpsets energisation for the year 1996-97 was not finalized by the Planning Commission.
- (e) From the year 2000-01, the Government has decided to release funds under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) directly to the States instead of the earlier practice of being routed through REC. The Government has also envisaged to provide funds for augmentation of distribution networks in rural areas under the Accelerated Power Development Programme. The programme of pumpsets energisation is implemented by the SEBs/State Governments from their own resources and partly out of loans extended by REC which provides finance against eligible projects. The resources of REC are proposed to be augmented by enabling REC to access cheaper sources of funds.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 1811

ANSWERED ON 08.03.2001

**POWER GENERATION IN PUBLIC SECTOR
AND PRIVATE SECTOR**

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total power generation as on date by the private sector and public sector, separately;
- (b) the total demand and availability of power during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the percentage of increase in the demand of power as compared to 1998 and actual supply made by the Government during these years, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government propose to meet the increasing demand of power in the coming years;
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand; and
- (f) the total MW likely to be added in the power sector during the 9th Plan along with the target achieved so far?

ANSWER

- (a) During the period April-January 2001, the electricity generated by the power stations in private sector and public sector was 31951 MU and 383085 MU, respectively.
- (b) & (c) : The State-wise Power Supply Position from 1997-98 to 2000-01 upto January, 2001 is given in Annexure-I & II.
- (d) & (e) : The following steps are being taken to meet the gap between demand and supply of power :-
 - (i) Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) and life extension of existing old and inefficient generating units. Special fund under the Accelerated Power Development Programme for undertaking R&M schemes is being provided to States.
 - (ii) Speedy implementation of Reform & Restructuring in the Power Sector.
 - (iii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units and overall increase in Plant Load Factor of thermal units.
 - (iv) Reduction in transmission and Distribution losses.
 - (v) Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.
 - (vi) Disbursement of loans by the Power Finance Corporation for improving operation and maintenance of thermal power stations under Accelerated Generation Programme.
 - (vii) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme to enable doubling of the present generation capacity by 2012.
 - (viii) Increasing the inter-state and inter-regional power transfer by construction of transmission links and finally formation of the National Grid.
 - (ix) Formulation of hydel policy for exploitation of hydro potential as a faster pace.
- (f) As per the review made by the Empowered Committee during January 2001, it has been observed that a capacity of 20891.57 MW is likely to be added during 9th Plan. Cumulative capacity addition during the 9th Plan upto January 2001 is 14436.70 MW.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 1768

ANSWERED ON 08.03.2001

POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ENRON

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Enron willing to amend power purchase agreement' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated February 9, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether there is any move for amending the power purchase agreement;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Enron has taken up this matter with the Union Government;
- (e) if so, the main amendments suggested by Enron and agreed to by the Union Government; and
- (f) the time by which these amendments are likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c) : No such proposal for amending the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has been received from the Government of Maharashtra (GOM) though, considering the high tariff of power supplied by Dabhol Power Company (DPC), the GOM has proposed to the Central Government to take over the entire Dabhol project either directly or through its public sector undertakings so that the power generated by the DPC is distributed to different States in the country including Maharashtra State, thereby meeting the need of those States which are facing shortage of power. GOM, vide their resolution dated 9.2.2001, have also constituted an Energy Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Madhav Godbole, Ex-Home Secretary, Government of India (GoI). The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows :-
 - (i) To review the position of overall demand and supply of electric power in the State, with special reference to the supply of power by projects of independent power producers and purchase thereof by the MSEB for which Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) have either been signed or are proposed.
 - (ii) To examine the cost of power supplied by the DPC and the distribution of power losses and its implications on the finances/tariff of MSEB.
 - (iii) To review and reconsider the provisions of the PPA signed with the DPC after holding discussions with the said Company, the MSEB and related authorities and to suggest appropriate measures to facilitate purchase of the power produced by the DPC by other agencies/parties (including Government of India or their agencies).
 - (iv) To suggest the broad future course of action for reforms in the energy sector in the State.
 - (v) Any other matter which the State Government may consider necessary to refer to the Committee in the above-mentioned context.
- (d) DPC have conveyed their support for any steps by MSEB, GOM or GOI for transferring the power supplied by them to Central Government utilities.
- (e) & (f) : No amendments as such to the PPA have been suggested by Enron to the Union Government.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 5593

ANSWERED ON 02.05.2002

PURCHASE OF POWER FROM DABHOL POWER PROJECT

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether NTPC is considering to purchase power from Dabhol Power Project;
- (b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has made a special request to NTPC;
- (c) if so, the response of NTPC, cost of power and the present cost of NTPC; and
- (d) the details of discussions taken place recently with Power Ministry & MSEB?

ANSWER

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) The Government of Maharashtra (GOM) has requested the Government of India to take over the Dabhol power plant or at least the second phase of 1444 MW capacity, either directly or through any of its Public Sector Undertakings like the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), so that the power generated could be distributed to areas outside Maharashtra. GOM had also approached NTPC with the request to consider participation in the equity of Dabhol Power Company.
- (c) The proposals have not been agreed to by the NTPC.

The first phase of the Dabhol power plant with a capacity of 740 MW was commissioned on 13th May, 1999 and was supplying power to the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB), who have since rescinded the Power Purchase Agreement with Dabhol Power Company (DPC) and have stopped taking power from the plant since 29th May, 2001. The cost of power supplied by the first phase has varied from time to time depending on factors such as the price of naphtha, foreign exchange fluctuation and the level of off-take of power by MSEB. The average cost of Dabhol power worked out to Rs.4.67 per unit during May, 1999 to March, 2000 and Rs.6.19 per unit during April, 2000 to December, 2000.

A Statement showing cost of power of NTPC power stations is at Annexure.

- (d) Power Purchase Agreement has been signed between DPC and MSEB, and the disputes are to be decided/resolved between them. Government of India, has agreed to facilitate a mutually acceptable agreement if both the parties so desire. The financial institutions have also initiated the process of identifying a suitable buyer for the project.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5593 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 02.05.2002.

Station wise Cost of Power of NTPC Stations.

Sl.No.	Station	Cost of Power of NTPC Stations (Paise/Kwh)
1.	Singrauli STPS	96.61
2.	Korba STPS	68.95
3.	Ramagundam STPS	121.84

4.	Farakka STPS	172.15
5.	Vindhyachal STPS	129.73
6.	Rihand STPS	141.11
7.	FGUTPS	194.77
8.	NCRTPS	216.83
9.	Kahalgaon STPS	192.44
10.	Talcher STPS	172.34
11.	Talcher TPS	132.41
12.	Tanda TPS	463.93
13.	Anta GPS	132.82
14.	Auraiya GPS	174.15
15.	Dadri GPS	183.14
16.	Kawas GPS	310.22
17.	Gandhar GPS	333.95
18.	Kayamkulam CCPS	505.82
19.	Faridabad GPS	220.95
20.	NTPC	157.20

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 1839

ANSWERED ON 08.03.2001

DECENTRALISATION OF T & D SYSTEM

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to decentralize State run Electricity generation and distribution system by replacing it with a community based network which can be linked to a reliable national grid;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Group of Ministers on power discussed this issue in the meeting recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

ANSWER

(a) to (e) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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HEAVY INDUSTRY

Summary of Questions Asked

1) *Richardson & Crudas Limited, Mulund :*

Protection to the labour, mismanagement by the senior officials were brought to the notice of the Department and got corrected.

LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 68

ANSWERED ON 20.02.2001

CURTAILING CAPACITY OF RCF PLANT

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the capacity of RCF plant throughout the country has been curtailed rapidly due to short supply of gas.
- (b) whether the Mumbai RCF has decided to close down one of its plants;
- (c) whether the gas supply and labour problem has affected the functioning and profitability of the company;
- (d) whether the Government have taken up the issue with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to regulate and streamline the gas supply from GAIL; and
- (e) if so, long term planning proposed by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) RCF has been forced to shut down one of its ammonia plants, nitric acid plants and complex fertilizer plants since January 2001 because of short supply of feed gas from GAIL. Besides, the remaining few plants at Trombay (Mumbai) are operating at reduced load. Even at Thal, one of three urea plants has been shut down for want of adequate supply of feed gas from GAIL while other plants are being operated at reduced load.
- (c) The short supply of gas from GAIL has adversely affected the profitability of the company. There is no labour problem in the company. However, a large number of employees have become idle because of short supply of gas which led to shut down of some plants.
- (d) The Department of Fertilizers has taken up the issue of short supply of gas by GAIL to RCF with the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on several occasions.
- (e) As a long term planning, RCF has signed Gas Supply Agreement with M/s METGAS for supply of LNG which is scheduled to be available for its Thal plants by the year 2003. However, Trombay plants of RCF have to depend totally on gas supplied by GAIL for their smooth operations.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 5557

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.04.2001

ACQUIREMENT OF LAND BY RCFL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total land acquired by the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited(RCFL) from the farmers in Maharashtra, particularly in Mumbai during the last three years for setting up of its plants;
- (b) if so, whether RCFL has promised to provide jobs to one person from the family of farmers whose land has been acquired;
- (c) if so, the number of families to whom provided employment and the number of families yet to be provided employment;
- (d) whether RCFL has also provided employment to the local people affected by commissioning of its plans and offices in Mumbai other than farmers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

- (a) Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited(RCFL) has not acquired any land from the farmers in Maharashtra during the last three years for setting up of its plants.
- (b) to (f): Does not arise.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 5369

ANSWERED ON 23.04.2001

ENCROACHMENT OF LAND IN MUMBAI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total land of Airport Authority of India (AAI) at present under encroachment;
- (b) whether the Government have any action plan to clear the land from encroachers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government are going to commercialise the AAI land in Mumbai and has appointed consultants for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and total amount likely to be earned by the AAI by its commercialisation?

ANSWER

- (a), (b) & (c) :- Approximately 160 acres of Airports Authority of India (AAI) land is under encroachment by slum dwellers at Mumbai Airport. AAI jointly in association with Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA), a Government of Maharashtra agency and Shivashahi Punarvasan Prakalp Limited (SPPL), a wholly owned Government of Maharashtra Company has initiated action for removal of about 2116 encroachers from the land which is required for extension of taxi-track.
- (d) & (e) :- No Sir. The land getting cleared from encroachments under Phase-I is going to be utilised for operational purposes only.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3511

ANSWERED ON 12.12.2000

**INCREASE IN POLLUTION DUE TO RASHTRIYA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS PROJECT**

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government have been receiving any complaints regarding increase in pollution due to Rashtriya chemical fertilizers project in Chembur, Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the pollution has become uncontrollable due to leakage in Rashtriya chemicals and fertilizer's gas pipelines, tankers and in plant; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

ANSWER

- (a) No, Sir. Government of India has not received any such complaint.
- (b) to (d) : Do not arise in view of the above.

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3434

ANSWERED ON 20.03.2001

**SETTING UP OF INTEGRATED PORT BASED
CHEMICAL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government have identified the need to set up integrated port based chemical industrial estates in collaboration with the State Government of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any agreement has been reached at between the Union Government and the Government of Maharashtra in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which such industrial estates are likely to be started in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

- (a) to (d) : While the need to set up integrated mega chemical industrial estates in collaboration with State Governments has been identified, no decision regarding location has been taken

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LOK SABHA

QUESTION NO 3103

ANSWERED ON 10.12.2002

RASHTRIYA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LIMITED, MUMBAI

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that RCF, Mumbai Unit has started incurring losses recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) whether during the first six months performance of 2002-2003 and 12 months result of 2001-2002 are negative;
- (d) if so, the facts therefor;
- (e) the details and comparative chart for last three years;
- (f) whether it is going to result into lay-off, relieving the workers, labour staff;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) whether it is due to the short supply of gas from GAIL and ONGC;
- (i) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (j) whether the Ministry and RCF Management are taking any steps to increase the gas supply;
- (k) if so, the details thereof;
- (l) whether the Petroleum Ministry is responding to the request; and
- (m) if so, the measures being taken in this regard?

ANSWER

- (a), (b), (h) and (i) : Yes, Sir. The main reason for incurring losses by RCF is due to short supply of gas by GAIL, revision of Retention prices of urea w.e.f. July 1997 and reduction in the subsidy on complex fertilizers during the current year.
- (c) to (e): During the first six months i.e. April, 2002 to September, 2002 the company has incurred loss of Rs.133.47 crore (Provisional). However, in 2001-02, the company has earned a net profit of Rs.52.61 crore before tax. The details and comparative chart for the last three years is enclosed as Annexure.
- (f) and (g) This is not presently under consideration.
- (j) to (m) RCF has converted their service boilers, Auxiliary Boilers, Steam Superheaters etc. to use Naphtha fuel during the period 1996- 1999. Subsequently, as gas supply dipped further, RCF installed Naphtha Feed Scheme in 2001 to partially supplement the gas shortage. The gas supply has further reduced since then and to overcome this gas shortage additional naphtha feed system is to be installed with substantial investment. The matter has also been taken up with the Ministry of Petroleum.

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