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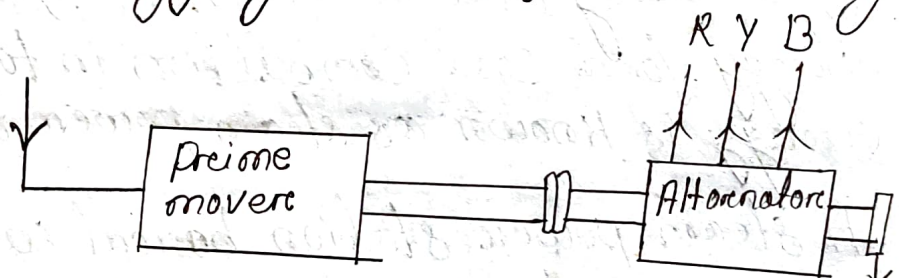
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GENERATION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY :-

1. The conversion of energy conversion of energy is available in different forms in nature into electrical energy is known as generation of electrical energy.
11. Energy is available in various forms different natural sources such as pressure head of water, chemical energy of fuels and nuclear energy of radio active substances.

All these forms of energy can be converted into electrical energy by the use of suitable arrangements.



An alternator is coupled to prime mover the prime mover is driven by the energy uptend from various sources. such as burning of fuel, pressure of water, power of wind etc.

Generating station :-

1. The bulk electric power is produced in power plant or electric power generating stations. An generating stations essentially employes a prime mover coupled to an alternator from production of electric power.
11. The prime mover may be steam turbine, water turbine converts energy from some other form into mechanical energy the alternator converts mechanical energy of prime mover into electrical energy.

11. The electrical energy produced by a generating station is transmitted and distributed with the help of conductors to various consumers.

12. Depending upon the form of energy converted into electrical energy generating stations are classified these are

- (1) Steam power station
- (2) Hydroelectric power station
- (3) Nuclear power station
- (4) Diesel electric power station

STEAM POWER STATION :-

1. A generating station which converts heat energy from coal combustion into electrical energy is known as steam power station.

2. A steam power station basically works on the Rankine cycle.

3. Steam is produced in the boiler by utilizing the heat of coal combustion.

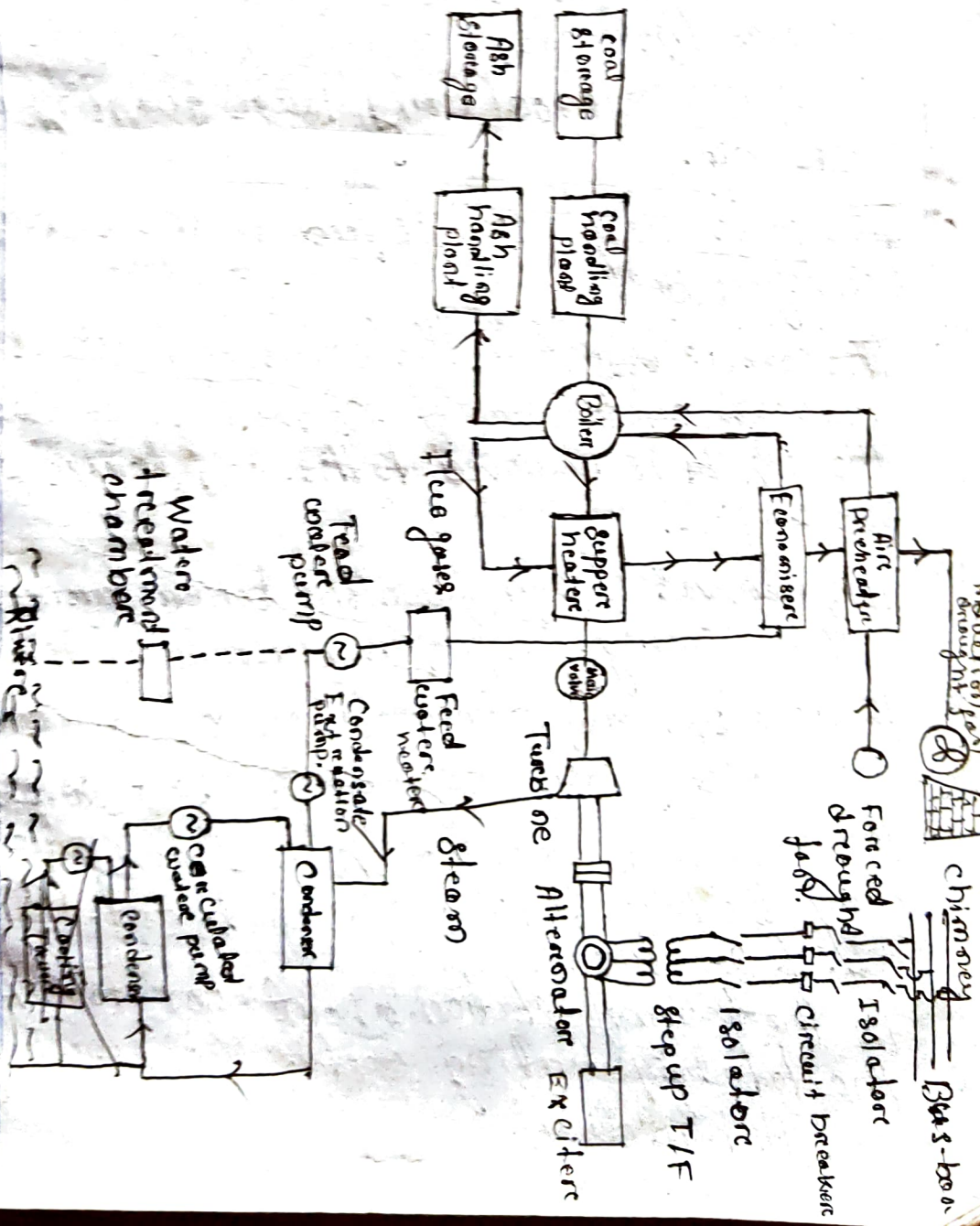
4. The steam is then expanded in the prime mover (steam turbine) then the steam is condensed in condenser to form water and is fed into the boiler again.

5. This steam turbine drives the alternator which converts mechanical energy of the turbine into electrical energy. This type of power station is suitable where coal and water are available plenty and large amount of electric power is generated.

SCHEMATIC ARRANGEMENT OF STEAM POWER STATION

The total arrangement of steam power station can be divided into the following stages for simplicity

- ① Coal and Ash handling arrangement
- ② Steam generating plant
- ③ Steam turbine
- ④ Alternator
- ⑤ Feed water
- ⑥ Cooling arrangement



COAL AND ASH HANDLING PLANT :-

- I. The coal is transported to the power station by a road and rail and it is stored in the coal storage plant. In the coal storage plant coal is protected and stored for a future use when coal strikes, failure of transportation and generation of coal shortage occurs.
- II. From the coal storage plant coal is delivered to the coal handling plant where it is pulverised (crushed into small pieces) in order to increase its surface exposure it increases the rate of conversion the rate of combustion without using large quantity of excess air.
The pulverised coal is fed to the boiler by conveyor belt.
- III. The coal is burnt in the boiler and ash is produced after the complete combustion of coal. The ash is removed to the ash storage plant for disposal.
- IV. The removal of ash from the boiler furnace is the necessary for proper burning of ash.
- V. A 100 megawatt power station operating at 50% load factor may burn about 20,000 tonnes of coal per month and ash produced may be 10% to 15% of coal burnt. That is 2000 to 3000 tonnes.
In the thermal station about 50% to 60% of the total operating cost is fuel purchasing and its handling.

STEAM GENERATING PLANT :-

The steam generating plant consist of boiler for the production of steam and other auxiliary equipment for utilization of flue gas.

1. BOILER →

1. The core is burnt in the furnace to heat the water in the boiler. The heat of combustion of coal is utilised to convert water into steam at high temperature and pressure.
11. The flue gases from the furnace of boiler goes to super heater, economiser, air preheater and are finally excreted to atmosphere through the chimney.

2. SUPERHEATER :-

1. The steam produced in the boiler in the wet and its pass through a super heater. where it is dried and super heated.
11. When the steam is super heated the temperature of steam is increased above than the boiling point of water by the help of flue gases.
111. By super heating the steam we get two advantages
① Overall efficiency is increased
② Too much condensation in the last stage of turbine is avoided.
So Corrosion of blade is avoided.
1111. The super heated steam from the superheater is fed to steam turbine through the main valve

3. ECONOMISER :-

- I. An economiser is essentially a feed water heater and derives heat from the flue gases from these purpose.
- II. The feed water is fed to the economiser before supply to the boiler.
- III. The economiser extract a part of heat of flue gases to increase the temperature of feed water.

4. AIR PREHEATER :-

- I. An air preheater increases the temperature of air supplied for coal burning by deriving heat from the flue gases air is drawn from the atmosphere by a forced draught and its pass through air preheater before supplying to the boiler furnace.
- II. The air preheater extracts heat from flue gases and increases the temperature of air used for coal combustion.
- III. The main advantages of preheating of air are
 - ① It increases the thermal efficiency.
 - ② It increases the steam capacity per square meter of boiler surface.

3. STEAM TURBINE :-

- I. The dry and superheated steam from superheater is fed to the steam turbine through main valve.
- II. The heat energy of steam when passing over the blades of turbine is converted into mechanical energy. Then this mechanical energy rotates the turbine.

111. After going to the turbine the superheated steam is exhausted to the condenser.
- 1V. In the condenser the exhausted steam condenses by steam cooled circumferential.

4. ALTERNATOR :-

1. The steam turbine is coupled to an alternator the alternator converts the mechanical energy of turbine into electrical energy.
11. The electrical output of alternator is delivered to the bus bars through transformer circuit breakers and isolators.

5. FEED WATER :-

1. The condensate from the condenser is used as feed water to the boiler some water may be lost in the cycle which is suitably made up from the external source (river).
11. The feed water on its way to the boiler is heated by water heaters and economizers.
111. This helps in increasing the overall efficiency of plant.

6. COOLING ARRANGEMENT :-

1. In order to improve the efficiency of plant the exhausted steam is condensed by a condenser.
11. Water is drawn from a natural source of supply such as river, canal or lake and is circulated through the condenser.
111. The circulated water takes off the heat of the existing steam and it itself becomes hot.

- IV. The hot water from the condenser is sent at a suitable location down to the river.
- V. Where there is no availability of water source the hot water to the condenser is sent through the cooling towers.
- VI. The cold water of cooling towers is re-used in the condenser.

ADVANTAGES ÷

- I. The fuel (Coal) used is just cheap.
- II. It has less initial cost as compared to other generating stations.
- III. It can be installed at any place irrespective of the existence of coal. The coal can be transported to the site of the plant by rail or road.
- IV. It requires less space as compared to hydroelectric power station.
- V. The cost of generation is less than that of the diesel power station.

DISADVANTAGES ÷

- I. It pollutes the atmosphere due to the production of large amount of smoke and fumes.
- II. It is costlier in running cost as compared to hydroelectric power station.

CHOICE OF SITE OF STEAM POWER STATION :-

1. In order to achieve over all efficiency the following points should be considered while selecting a site for a steam power station.

① Supply of fuel :-

The steam power station should be located near the coal mines so that the transportation of fuel will be minimum.

If ~~poor~~ coal is not available near the plant adequate facilities should be provided for the transportation of coal.

② Availability of water :-

As huge amount of water is required for the condenser therefore such plant near the river or canal.

③ Transportation facilities :-

A steam power station ^{always} requires the transportation of material and mechanics therefore adequate transportation facilities must exist it means that the plant should be well connected through other part of country by rail, road etc. —

④ Cost and type of land :-

The steam power station should be located at the place where the land will be cheap and the further extension can be possible in necessary. ^{again} The bearing capacity of the ground should be adequate so that heavy equipment can be installed.

5) Nearness to load centre +

In order to reduce the transmission cost the plant should be located near the load centre. This is important if D.C supply system is adopted. Because if A.C supply system is adopted this is less important as a.c power is transmitted at high voltage with reduce transmission cost. Therefore it is possible to install the plant away from the load centre provided other conditions are favorable.

6) Distance from populated area +

A huge amount of ~~pot~~ coal is burnt in a steam power station. Therefore smoke and fumes pollute the surrounding areas. So plant should be located at a considerable distance from the populated areas.

Conclusion

It is clear that all the above factors are not favorable at one place.

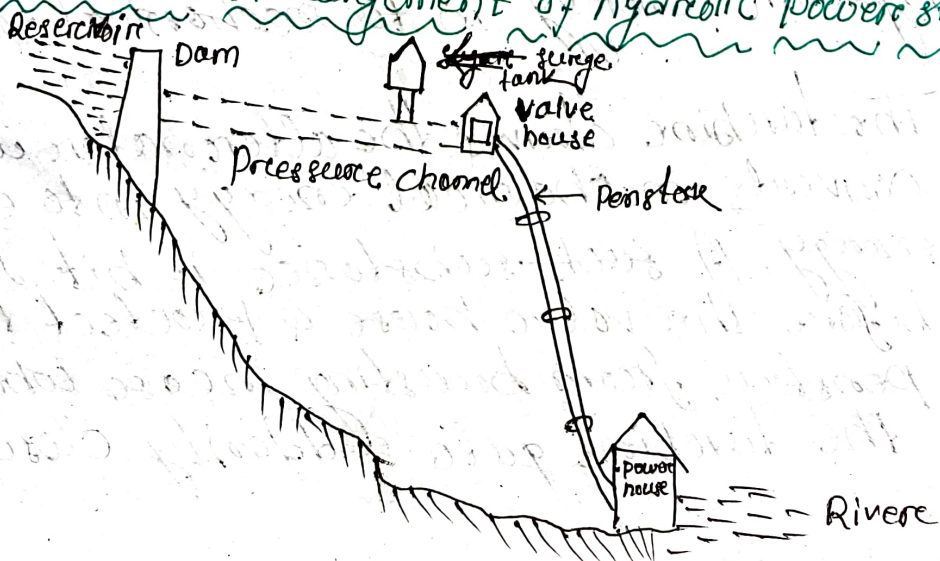
Therefore practically a site should be selected which is near by the river side where sufficient water is available, no pollution of atmosphere occurs and fuel can be transmitted economical.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER STATION:-

- * A generating station which utilises the potential energy of water of high level from the generation of electrical energy is known as hydroelectric power station.
 - * It is generally located in hilly areas where dams can be built conveniently and large amount of water can be stored.
- This store is known as water reservoir.
- * In hydroelectric power station water head is created by constructing a dam across a river or lake.

From the dam water is fed to the water turbine. The water turbine captures the energy of the falling water and converts it into mechanical energy and turbine shaft. The turbine drives the alternator which converts mechanical energy into electrical energy.

Schematic Arrangement of hydroelectric power station



* The dam is constructed across river or ~~flat~~ lake. Water from the catchment area collects at the back of the dam to form reservoir.

* A pressure channel is taken to the valve house from the reservoir and water is brought to the valve house at this start of penstock.

* The valve house contains main ^{sluice} ~~switch~~ valve and automatic isolating valve.

* The main sluice valve controls the water flow to the power house and isolating valve cutoff the supply of water when the penstock ~~break~~ burst.

* From valve house water is taken to water turbine through a large steel pipe. This pipe is known as penstock.

Penstock may be also made of reinforced cement concrete. The water turbine converts hydraulic energy into mechanical energy.

The turbine drives the alternator which converts mechanical energy into electrical energy. A surge tank is put just before the valve house & protect the penstock from bursting increase when the turbine gate suddenly closed.

- * When the gate closed there is a sudden stop of water and lower end of penstock. The surge tank absorb the pressure by increase its level of water.

Constituent of Hydroelectric power plant

1. Hydroelectric structure includes dam, spillways, Head works, surge tank, penstock and accessories works.

DAM:-

- * A dam is a barrier which stores water and creates water head.
- * Dams are ~~built~~ ^{built} of ~~con~~ concrete and stone masonry, earth or rough rock fill.
- * The type of arrangement depends upon the topography of site.
- * A masonry dam may be built in a narrow river or lake or space and earth dam may be built in a wide river.
- * The type of dam also depends upon the foundation conditions, local materials and transportation available, occurrence of earth quake and other hazards.
- * In one site more than one type of dam is suitable and the wall which is most economical should be chosen.

SPILLWAYS:-

- * Sometime river flow exceed the storage capacity of the reservoir.

such a situation otherwise during heavy rain fall in the catchment area.

* In order to discharge the surplus water from the storage reservoir into the reservoir river on the down stream site of the dam. spillways can be use.

* Spillways are constructed of concrete piers on the top of dam.

* Gates are provided between these piers and surplus water is discharge by opening these gates.

HEADWORKS -

The head works consist of diversion structures at the head of river.

They generally include beams and racks for digging floating debris.

* They also include ~~the~~ slowieses for bypassing debris and sediments and valves for controlling flow of water to turbine.

* The flow of water into and through head works should be smooth.

* For these purpose it is necessary avoid in the shape of corners.

SURGE TANK -

* A surge tank is a small reservoir or tank in which water level rises or fall to reduce in the pressure in the penstock or conduit.

Surge tank is located near the beginning the penstock when the turbine is located running at a steady load.

* There are no surges in the flow of water through the penstock

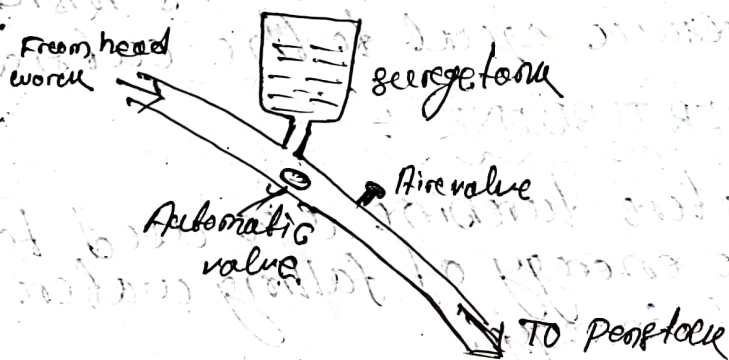
The quantity of water flowing in the penstock is ~~just~~ just sufficient to meet.

When the load on the turbine decreases the governor closes the gates of turbine reducing water supply to the turbine.

* The excess water at the lower end of penstock or reaches back to the surge tank and increases its water level. Thus the penstock is prevented from bursting.

When the load of the turbine increases additional water is drawn from the surge tank to meet the increase load requirement.

* Hence a surge tank overcomes the abnormal pressure in the penstock when load on the turbine decreases as on the river bed when load on the turbine increases.



PENSTOCK :-

- * Penstocks are open and closed conduits which carry water to the turbine. They are generally made of Reinforced Cement Concrete or steel.
- * Concrete penstock are suitable for low heads (less than 30 meters). Because greater pressure may cause damage to the concrete the steel penstock are design for any head.
- * The thickness of penstock increases with the head or working pressure.
- * Various devices such as automatic butterfly valve, Air valve and surge tank are provided for the protection of penstock.
- * Automatic butterfly valve shuts off water flow through the penstock if it ruptures.
- * Air valve maintains the air pressure inside the penstock which is equal to outside atmospheric pressure when water runs out of a penstock faster than it enters a vacuum is created which may collapse the penstock under such situation air valve opens and admit valve in to the penstock this maintains inside air pressure equal to the outside air pressure.

WATER TURBINE :-

- * Water turbine are used to convert the energy of falling water into mechanical energy.

* There are two type of turbine use these are :- ① Impulse Turbine.

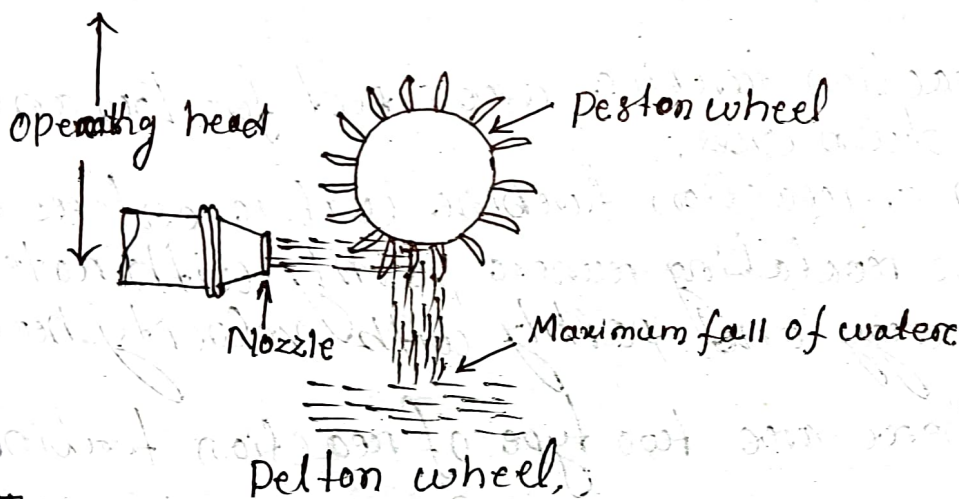
② Reaction Turbine.

Impulse Turbine :-

* These turbines are used high heads.

* In an impulse turbine the entire pressure of water is converted into kinetic energy nozzle.

* The velocity of the water drives the wheel of turbine.



* The example of these type of turbine is pelton wheel which is shown in the figure.

* It consist of a wheel fitted with electrical bucket along its periphery.

* The force of water jet striking on the bucket on the wheel drives the turbine.

* The quantity of water jet falling on the turbine is controlled by means of needle or spear placed in the tip of nozzle.

The moment of middle is controlled by the governor.

- * If the load of the turbine decreases the governor process the middle in to the nose which reduces the quantity of water striking buckets.
- * If the load on the turbine increases the governor pulls out the nose middle from the nose which increases the flow of water striking in the bucket.

REACTION TURBINE

* Reaction turbine are used for low and medium heads.

* In a reaction turbine water enters in the rotating runner partly with water energy and partly with velocity heads.

* There are two type of reaction turbine

① Francis turbine

② Kaplan turbine.

FRANCIS TURBINE

* A francis turbine are used for low to medium heads. It consist of an outer ring of stationary guide plates fixed to the turbine casing and inner ring of rotating blades which form the runner.

* The guide blades control the flow of

water to the turbine.

- * Water flows radially inwards and changes to down ward direction while passing through the runner. As the water passes over the rotating blades of runner both pressure & velocity of water are reduced this causes a reaction force to drive the turbine.

KAPLAN TURBINE

Kaplan turbine is used for low heads and large quantity of water. It is similar to Francis turbine but here the runner receives water axially and water flows radially inwards through regulating gates all around the sides. This changes the direction of flow in the runner to axial flow.

This causes a reaction force which drives the turbine.

Advantages

- * It requires no fuel as water is used for generation of electric energy.
- * It is quite neat & clean as no smoke and ash is produced.
- * It requires a very small running charges because water is the source of energy which is available free of cost.

- * It is comparatively simple in construction and requires less maintenance.
- * It does not require long static time like a steam power station.
- * It has longer life.
- * Such plants serve many purposes. In addition of generating of electrical energy, they also help in irrigation and controlling floods.
- * For operation of hydropower plant a few experience are necessary.

DISADVANTAGES →

- * It involves high capital cost due to construction of dam.
- * The production of power depends upon the availability of ~~large~~ amount of water.
- * Skill and expensive person are required to build the plant.
- * It requires high cost of transmission line as the plant is located in hilly areas which is quite away from consumers.

Choice of site of hydropower plant →

The following points should be considered while selecting the hydro electric power plant

① Availability of water.

The primary requirement of hydroelectric power station is the availability of huge amount of water. Such plant should be built where adequate water is available at a good head.

② Storage of water.

There are variations in water supply from a river or canal during the year.

Therefore it is necessary to store water by constructing a dam so that generation of power will be possible throughout the year.

The storage helps equalising the flow of water so that excess quantity of water can be made available when the flow of water is low in the river.

Since the site selected for a hydroelectric plant should provide adequate facilities for constructing a dam & storage of water.

③ Cost and type of land.

The land for construction of the plant should be available at a reasonable price.

Therefore the bearing capacity of the ground should be adequate with stand the weight of weight of heavy equipment to be instal

Transportation facilities :-

- ① The site selected from the hydroelectric power plant should be connected as rail & road so that necessary equipment and machinery can be easily transported.
- ② Therefore it is clear that the ideal choice of site for hydroelectric plant is near a river in hilly areas where a dam can be conveniently built and large reservoirs can be created.

NUCLEAR POWER STATION

A generating station in which nuclear energy is converted into electrical energy is known as nuclear power station. Heavy element like Uranium (U^{235}) and Thorium (Th^{232}) are subjected to nuclear fission in a special apparatus.

This special apparatus is known as reactor. The heat energy release from nuclear element is utilised to convert

water is to steam at high temperature & pressure.

* The steam runs the steam turbine which convert steam energy into mechanical energy the turbine drives the alternator which convert mechanical energy into electrical energy.

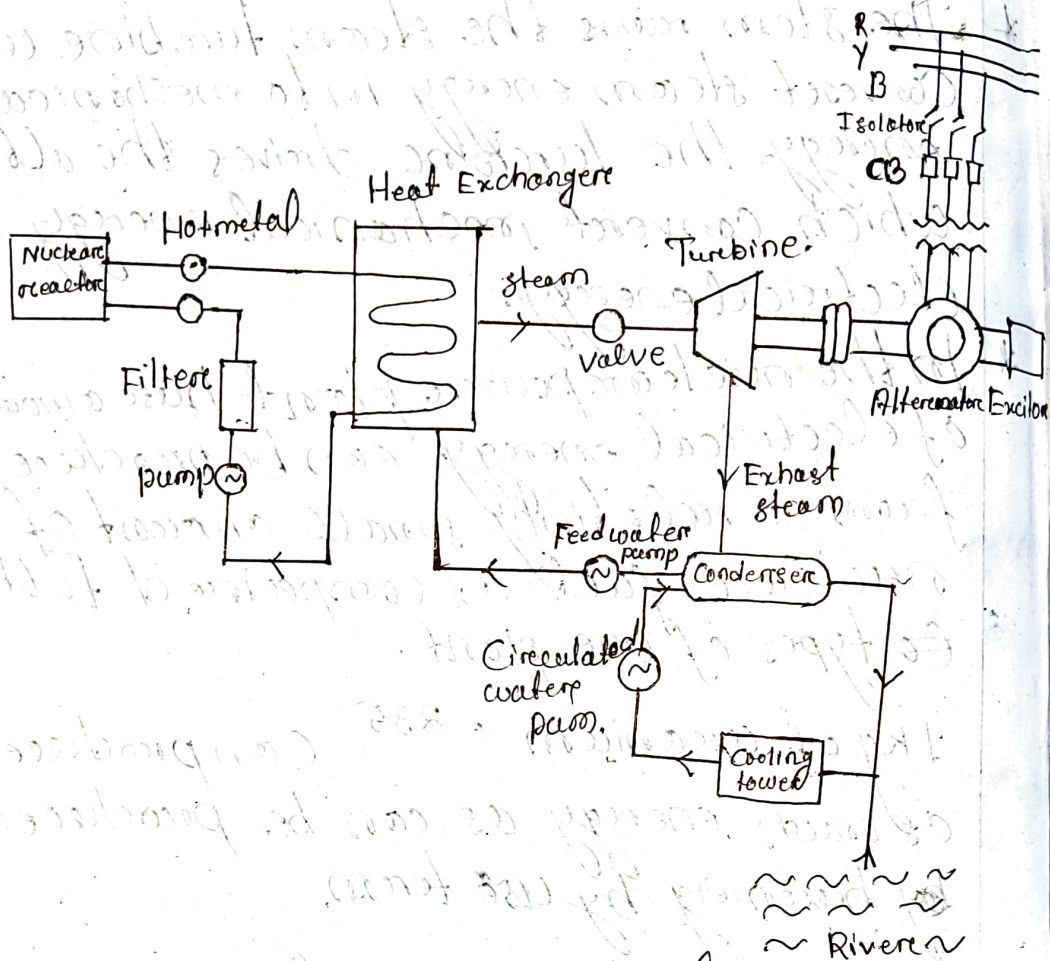
* In the nuclear power plant huge amount of electrical energy can be produced from a relatively small amount of nuclear fuel as compared to other types of power plant.

1 kg of uranium U^{235} can produce as much energy as can be produced by burning by use of coal.

* The recovery of nuclear fuel is very difficult and expensive but total energy contain in the world is higher than the energy contained of coal, oil or gas.

Schematic Arrangement of Nuclear power station

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* The schemetic arrangement of chemical reactor is shown in the figure.

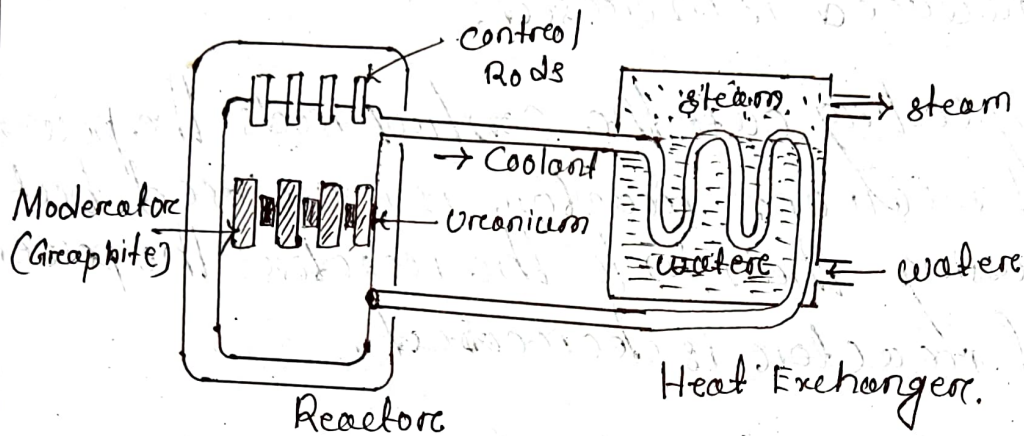
* It is divided into the following stages -

- (i) Nuclear Reactor,
- (ii) Heat Exchanger,
- (iii) Steam turbine,
- (iv) Alternator.

Nuclear Reactor -

* It is an apparatus in which nuclear fuel U^{235} is subjected to nuclear fission.

- * If control the chain reaction that starts once the fission is done.
- * If the chain reaction is not control this result an explosion due to the fast increase in the energy released.



- * A nuclear reactor is a cylindrical pressure vessel and houses and fuel rods or Uranium, moderator & control rods.
- * The fuel rods constitute the fission material and releases huge amount of energy when bombarded with slow moving neutron.
- * The moderators consist of graphite rods which includes fuel rods.
- * The moderator slows down the neutron before the bombarded with the fuel rods.
- * The control rods are of cadmium and are inserted into the reactor.
- * Cadmium is a strong neutron absorber and thus regulates the supply of neutrons for fission.
- * When control rods are pushed in deep.

enough they absorb most of fission neutrons. There fore a few neutrons are available for chain reacⁿ but if there with draws more and more of these fission neutrons cause fission and intensity of chain reacⁿ is increased so heat produced is increased.

* By cooling out the control rods the power of nuclear reactor is increased but pushing them in to the reactor the power of reactor is decreased.

* In actual practice lowering and raising of control rod are done automatically according to the requirement of load.

* The heat produced in the reactor is removed by the coolant coolant which is a sodium metal. the coolant carries heat to the heat exchanger.

Moderator :-

The moderator consist of graphite rod which enclosed the fuel rods neutrons produce by the fission process are ejected from the nucleus at a very high velocity

* The moderator opposes the slow moving neutron on the way when striking

on the nuclear fuel.

Heat Exchanger ÷

The coolant gives of heat to the heat exchange which is utilised to produce steam. After giving of heat the coolant is again fed to the reactor.

To the heat exchanger water is circulated and is contact with coolant so water is converted into steam by increasing its exchanger.

Steam Turbine +

* The steam produced in the heat exchanger is led in to the steam turbine through a valve.

* After doing the useful work in the turbine the steam is exhausted to the condenser.

The condenser condenses the steam which is fed to the heat exchanger through the feed water pump.

Alternator ÷

The steam turbine drives the alternator which converts mechanical energy into electrical energy.

The output to the alternator is through the bus bars through transformers, circuit breakers and isolators.

Advantages +

- (i) The amount of fuel required is quite small therefore there is a considerable saving in the cost of fuel transportation.
- (ii) A nuclear power plant requires less space as compared to any other type of same output.
- (iii) It has low running charges as a small amount of fuel is used for producing bulk of electrical energy.
- (iv) This type of plant is very economical for producing ^{large amount} bulk electric power.
- (v) It can be located near the local centre because it doesn't require large quantity of water and need not be pure coal mines so constant of primary distribution.
- (vi) There are large deposit of nuclear fuels available all over the world. Therefore surge power can produce electrical energy for thousand of years.
- (vii) It ensures reliability of operation.

Disadvantages :-

- * The fuel use is expensive and it difficult to recover.
- * The capital cost on a nuclear plant is very high as compared to other plants of high.
- * The inspection of commissioning of a plant requires greater technical knowledge.
- * The fission by products by radio active and may cause a dangerous amount of radio active pollution.

Selection of site for nuclear power station:

The following points should be considered by the selecting the site for a nuclear power station.

(1) Availability of water :-

As sufficient water is required for cooling purposes therefore the plant site should be located where plenty of water is available.

So the plant should be located near the river side or sea side.

(2) Disposal of waste :-

The waste produced by fission in a nuclear power station is generally

radio active so it must be disposed
properly to avoid to ~~help~~ health hazards
the waste should be either buried in
a deep trench or disposed off in sea
quite away from a sea shore.

Therefore the site selected for such
a plant should have adequate arrange-
ment for the disposal of radio active
waste.

③ Distance of populated areas :-

The site selected for a nuclear power
station should be quite away from
the populated areas because there is
a danger of presence of radio activity
in the atmosphere near the plant.

For precaution, a dome is used in the plant
which doesn't allow the radio activity
to spray ~~to~~ by wind on water, ground
water ~~wast~~ ways.

④ Transmission Facilities :-

The site selected for a nuclear power
station should have adequate facilities in
order to transport to heavy equipment
during plant installation and facilitate
the movement of workers employed
in the plant.

From the above factors it is clear that the ideal choice of nuclear power station should be near sea or rivers or away from thickly populated areas.