

Power Cut in Kerala

*1405. **Shri Warior:**
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Mohammed Koya:

Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) how much power the Government of Madras have agreed to release for Kerala;

(b) whether the power cut imposed on consumers in Kerala has been restored as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) Madras has recently agreed to supply Kerala 4.5 lakh units per day against about 3.0 lakh units which was being supplied earlier, out of the power received by Madras from Mysore. This is over and above the 2.5 lakh units per day being supplied in accordance with the inter-State Agreement continued under the States Reorganization Act.

(b) and (c). The above increase in supply has improved the position. The total energy available from the old hydel stations together with supplies from Madras will be only 11 to 14 lakh units a day and this is less than half the demand of 34.5 lakh units per day. With the recent commissioning of the first unit of Sabarigiri Power Project, the total available supply would increase to about 60 per cent of the demand. The power supply position in Kerala would therefore, continue to be difficult until the onset of next monsoons.

Power Capacity in States

*1406. **Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:**
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. L. Barupal:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari
Sinha:
Shri Ravindra Varma:

Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Thirumala Rao:

Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of power units in the various States at the end of the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) how much has been added to each State during the Third Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) and (b). A statement showing the installed capacity in the various States at the end of the Third Plan and the additions made in each State during the Third Five Year Plan is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6176/68].

Eye Diseases of Children

*1407. **Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:**
 Will the Minister of **Health and Family Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of the eye diseases of children has been made in any State;

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) the steps being taken to combat this disease?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). A sample survey of rural areas in 15 States was undertaken by the Indian Council of Medical Research during the period November, 1958 to June 1963 to find out the geographical distribution and the prevalence of Trachoma in the country. During this survey information was also collected on commonly occurring eye manifestations due to other causes.

Two statements indicating the prevalence of Trachoma and of other commonly occurring eye diseases amongst children upto 14 years of age in the rural areas in India in 15 States sur-