(vi) IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM:

At the Central level, the Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO), New Delhi is the Nodal Agency for appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of IDSMT projects. IDSMT projects are to be sancitoned by a State Level Santioning Committee consisting of Central and State Government representatives, Based on the sanctions, Central assistance will be released.

FUNDS ALLOCATED : .

The number of towns covered and the Central Assistance released Planwise under IDSMT are as follows:

Plan Period	No. of Towns covered	Central Assistance Released (Rs. Crores)
6th Plan	. 235	63.57
7th Plan	145	80.06
1990-91	77	19.10
1991-92	60	13.44
8th Plan		
1992-93	44	11.60
1993-94	84	19.50
1994-95	104	22.90
1995-96	79	27.88
Total	828	258.05

[Translation]

Generation of Power

- *471. SHRI NITISH BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :
- (a) the number of power projects in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Bihar;
- (b) the total power generating capacity of power projects of Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government propose to set up more power projects in Vananchal region of Bihar to provide electricity to all villages of the region;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) There are 31 existing power projects in Maharashtra, 20 in Gujarat and 9 in Bihar State.

(b) The power generating capacity of existing power projects in Bihar as on 30.8.1996 is 2511.6 MW comprising of 2350 MW thermal and 161.6 MW hydro.

This includes 840 MW thermal capacity in the Central Sector.

(c) to (e). The following projects are under execution/ or proposed to be executed in Bihar:

Project	Sector	Capacity (MW)
Tenughat Stage I (Unit 2) (Thermal)	State	210
Tenughat Stage II (Units 3-5) (Thermal)	State	210 x 3
Muzaffarpur Extn (Units 1-2) (Thermal)	State	250 x 2
Koel Karo [Hydro]	Centre	710
North Koel [Hydro]	State	24
Chandil LBC [Hydro]	State	8
Jojobera [Thermal]	Private	67.5 x 3 (The first unit has been commissioned in January, 1996)

In addition prequalification bids have been invited on International Competitive basis for execution of Chandil TPS (2x250 MW) and Nabinagar TPS (2000 MW) under Private Sector.

Drinking Water

*472. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : SHRI RAMSAGAR :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether efforts are being made by the Government to provide drinking/potable water to all the families in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of villages in Barabanki district in Uttar Pradesh that are yet to be provided potable drinking water;
- (d) the time by when the supply of potable drinking water will be assured to the villages in Barabanki in Uttar Pradesh and elsewhere in the country;
- (e) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme to solve the drinking water problem in 'Uttaranchal' region of hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh with the assistance of World Bank; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.