

mines in Kolar Gold Fields.

- (ii) Reduction in surplus labour by implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme, under which about 1183 workers have retired so far.
- (iii) Developing the activities of the Project and Contracts Division for undertaking mining jobs and those of the Engineering Workshop.
- (iv) Examining the possibilities of development of shallow gold deposits.
- (v) Exploring the feasibility of recovering gold from tailings.

[English]

Protection of Canals and Dams

2921. SHRI SANDIPAN BHAGWAN THORAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of damage caused to the embankment of Bhakra main line canal recently by the militants; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to protect the national and other important canals and dams from the disruptive activities of militants?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Three attempts were made to breach Bhakra Main Line. The first attempt was made on 30/31 May, 1992 when a cut of 0.46 m. wide and 1.22 m. deep was made in the canal embankment and lining face demolished at RD 30325/R near Ropar. The second attempt was made on 6/7 June, 1992 when 1.37 m. deep trench was dug and

lining face measuring 7 m² was blown off at RD 17350/R near Ropar. The third attempt was made on 10/12 June, 1992 when a cut 1.07m wide and 1.22 m deep was made at RD 91410/R near Morinda. All the above damages were quickly repaired.

(b) Statics and mobile security arrangements have already been provided by Government of Punjab. Patrolling has since been intensified.

Power Projects of Ladakh

2922. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on hydel power projects in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the output of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). In Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir, Stakna Hydro-electric project (4 MW) has already been completed. The generation data and the expenditure incurred on this project is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Kargil Hydro-electric Project (3x7 MW) is presently under construction in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir. The expenditure incurred on this Project upto March, 1991 is reported as Rs. 9.66 crores.

[Translation]

Power Plants in Bihar

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 OUDHARY:
 SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new power plants in Bihar for increasing the power generation keeping in view the power crisis in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places where these

plants are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH
RAI): (a) to (c). The following are the details
of sanctioned/ongoing power projects in
Bihar:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	District
1	2	3	4
State Sector			
1.	Tenughat Thermal Project Stage-I	2x210	Giridih
2.	Tenughat Thermal Project State-II	3x210	Giridih
3.	North Koel Hydel Project	2x12	Palamau
4.	Eastern Gandak Canal Hydel Project	3x5	West Champaran
5.	Some Western Canal Hydel Project	6x6	Rohtas
6.	Some Eastern Canal Hydel Project	3.3	Aurangabad
7.	Chandil Hydel Project	2x4	Singbhum
Central Sector			
1.	Bokaro 'B' Stage-II Thermal Power Project	2x210	Giridih
2.	Kanha Super Thermal Power Project	4x210	Bhagalpur
3.	Koel Karo Hydel Project	4x172.5 + 1x20	Ranchi