

(c) the estimated shortfall in generating capacity and transmission lines in the State sector by the end of the Seventh Plan period; and

(d) the steps Government propose to initiate for improving the performance of State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) There has been a shortfall of about 549 MW in the capacity addition programme in the State Sector during the first three years of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) The shortfall in the construction of 220 KV Transmission Lines, in the State Sector, has been 1696 circuit kilometres during the first three years of the Seventh Plan.

(c) According to mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Plan by the Planning Commission, a shortfall of about 753 MW is expected during the Plan Period in the capacity addition programme in the State Sector. A shortfall of about 1700 circuit kilometres is likely in the construction of 220 KV transmission line in the State Sector at the end of the Seventh Plan period.

(d) Some of the measures taken to improve the performance of State Electricity Boards are:

- (i) introduction of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for renovation and modernisation of thermal power stations;
- (ii) introduction of an Incentive Scheme for improved performance of thermal power stations;
- (iii) amendment of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 to make theft of electricity a cognizable offence;
- (iv) introduction of an Incentive Scheme for reduction of transmission and distribution losses;
- (v) training of engineers and opera-

tion & maintenance personnel of power stations;

- (vi) capitalisation of interest during construction;
- (vii) Prompt release of rural electrification subsidies by State Governments; and
- (viii) provision of equity support by State Governments.

#### **Conversion of Manual Exchange into Automatic Exchange in Jaggaiahpet in Andhra Pradesh**

2112. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received for conversion of the manual exchange into automatic exchange and provide STD facility in Jaggaiahpet Municipality area in Krishna District in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which an automatic exchange will come up and STD facility provided at Jaggaiahpet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are being made to automatise it by diversion of equipment within Andhra Pradesh Circle. NSD/ISD facility can be provided only after automatization of the exchange subject to availability of equipment. At present the exchange is having manual Subscriber Trunks dialling facility through Vijayawada TAX.

#### **Industrialisation of Kerala**

2113. PROF. P.J. KURIEN:  
SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of industrialisation has increased in Kerala during the past three years;