

Shortage of Technical Staff in Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack

6982. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of technical staff in Cuttack Doordarshan kendra, Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to appoint more technical staff in that Doordarshan kendra;

(c) whether there is frequent technical failure of Cuttack TV Centre;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the performance of Cuttack Doordarshan Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). Though there are some vacancies of technical staff at Doordarshan kendra, Cuttack, efforts are made to fill up the vacancies as and when the posts at various levels fall vacant.

(c) to (e). TV Centre Cuttack is functioning normally within the constraints of the limited facilities presently provided at the kendra. A diesel generation has been provided at this kendra to minimise interruptions in service due to power failure.

There is also an approved scheme to link the TV transmitter at Cuttack with the full-fledged Studio Centre being set up at Bhubaneswar.

Exploitation of Rampur Coal belt in Orissa

6983. SHI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rampur Coal belt in Orissa is proposed to be exploited;

(b) if so, the time by which the exploitation of these open cast mines is likely to start; and;

(c) the total area and the approximate deposit of coal in those open cast mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). Rampur coal horizon is a part of the Ib valley coalfield which is located in the Sambalpur and Sundergarh districts of Orissa. Estimated Coal reserve in this coalfield is 18,700 million tonnes. The present production of this coalfield is 4.74 m.t. (1988-89) and it is projected to be increased to 10.98 m.t. in 1994-95 and 15.08 m.t. in 1999-2000. For this purpose a number of new coal projects are to be developed. The projects which have been planned are Lajkura OC (1.0 m.t.), Belpahar OC (2.0 m.t.), Samleshwari OC (3.0 m.t.), Lilari OC (0.8 m.t.) and Lakhanpur OC (5.0 m.t.).

Salal Dam

6984. SHRI MOHD AYUB KHAN (UDHAMPUR): Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned to reconstruct and restore roads, bridges and buildings damaged or submerged due to the emergence of Salal dam item-wise;

(b) the amount utilised so far; and

(c) the items which are still incomplete and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The amount included in the sanctioned cost estimates of Salal HE project, as well as

in the proposed revised estimates, for reconstructing and restoring roads, bridges and buildings damaged or sub-merged due

to the emergence of Salal Dam, item-wise, are given below:—

<i>Item</i>	<i>Sanctioned</i>	<i>Proposed in the revised estimates</i> <i>(Rs. in Lakhs)</i>
Roads	51.03	76.35
Bridges	513.16	582.83
Buildings	81.17	67.99
	645.96	727.17

(b) and (c). An expenditure of Rs. 542.08 lakhs has so far been incurred. Most of the items except two bridges and their approaches over Ans and Rud Nallahas, which are being executed by J&K, PWD, have been completed.

Central Public Sector Investment in Sikkim

6985. SHRIMATID.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the investment in terms of gross block of the central public sector units in Sikkim as on 31st March, 1988;

(b) whether Government propose to make separate provision for public sector units in Sikkim in the industrial and mineral sector in the Eighth Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Investment in terms of gross block of Central Public Sector Enterprises in the State of Sikkim as on 31.3.1988 was Rs. 2.61 crores.

(b) to (d). The Eighth Five Year Plan is still to be finalised. Investment in Central Public Sector Enterprises is made keeping in view the techno—economic considerations and the need for balanced regional development.

Clearance to Power Projects in Bihar

6986. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals for new power projects received from Bihar Government;

(b) the action taken by Union Government thereon;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearance of the projects; and

(d) when the projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c). The present status of the proposals received from the Government of Bihar in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for setting up power projects in Bihar and pending for clearance is given below:—