

availability of raw materials, finance and lack of demand etc., also affect industrial production.

(c) The Government of Karnataka had approached the Central Government some time ago for arranging power supplies from Kerala to meet its power demands. Accordingly, the matter was taken up with Tamil Nadu who has agreed to supply part of the power received by it from Kerala to Karnataka with a maximum of 1 MU a day. About 142 MU of power was exported by TNEB to Karnataka from 23rd September 1976 to 17th May, 1977. Relief from Maharashtra to Karnataka has also been arranged. Additional generating capacity of 965 MW is expected to be commissioned within the next 3-4 years.

#### **Electrification of Villages in Assam**

1475. SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of villages in Assam which were electrified in 1975-76 under the Rural Electrification scheme; and

(b) the number of villages proposed to be electrified in 1977?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) 190 villages in Assam were electrified during 1975-76. The information regarding the names of the villages electrified is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The State electricity Board has a programme of electrification of 700 villages in Assam during 1977-78.

#### **Construction of Bridges from Porbandar to Rajkot**

1476. SHRI DHARMASINH BHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges being constructed on the National Highway from Porbandar to Rajkot;

(b) whether all this work is likely to be completed before the onset of monsoon and if so, when; and

(c) the amount of grant provided so far to Gujarat for the portion of the National Highway in the Gujarat State and the amount still to be provided

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Fifteen minor bridges are under construction.

(b) Yes.

(c) A sum of Rs. 7,74,000/- was allotted to Gujarat Govt. for all bridge works, and another sum of Rs. 43,89,005/- for the Road Works for the year 1976-77 for development works. As regards the allotment of funds for the year 1977-78, the State Government have been informed that funds to the extent of Rs. 100 lakhs are available for expenditure on National Highway system for the State as a whole during the period from April to July '77. As for further funds to be allotted to the State Government for the period August 1977 to March 1978, the same shall be intimated after the Budget has been voted by the Parliament.

#### **National Metallurgical Laboratory**

1478. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Metallurgical Laboratory has saved the country crores of rupees by import substitution through its development programme; and

(b) if so, facts thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.