

sets BHEL would be in a position to deliver higher capacity thermal turbo sets, initially of 500 MW against 210 MW being produced hitherto which would also result in its being able to produce thermal power plants of higher capacity in aggregate terms. The capa-

Thermal sets

Hydro sets

Boilers

city for the manufacture of boilers is being raised from 1160 MW to 2500 MW. This is due for being implemented by the end of 1978. The existing annual installed capacity for manufacture of thermal sets, hydro-sets and boilers is as under:—

2600 to 3000 MW depending on the unit size of sets

Around 1000 MW of various ratings. They constitute around to 15 to 20 numbers on an average

Being expanded to 2500 MW and would correspond to a production of 87,000 MT per annum by the end of 1978.

लखनऊ टेलीविजन केन्द्र के दैनिक बेतन कलाकारों की स्थायी कलाकारों के आधार पर नियुक्ति

2902. श्री हरमोचिन्द जर्ना : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से लखनऊ टेलीविजन केन्द्र के दैनिक बेतन कलाकारों की स्थायी आधार पर नियुक्ति करने का अनुरोध किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उन की नियुक्ति अभी तक स्थायी आधार पर नहीं की गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं और सरकार का इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण शर्मा) : (क) जी, नहीं। दूरदर्शन केन्द्र आर्टिस्टों को दैनिक मजूरी पर नियुक्त नहीं करते।

(ख) और (ग) : प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

#### Electricity in Ladakh

2903. SHRIMATI PARVATI DEVI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present availability of electricity in Ladakh; and

(b) the steps taken to augment the electric supply in Leh?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) About 2MW of installed capacity for power generation is presently available in Ladakh.

(b) To augment the electric supply in Leh, the work on the Stakna Hydel Project is already in progress. A number of micro hydel schemes are also under investigation.

Advertisements to Small Newspapers by D.A.V.P.

2904. SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM: SHRI VASANT SATHE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government propose to give relaxation to small newspaper in the minimum ceiling of circulation fixed by the DAVP in the matter of advertisements so that these could be encouraged; if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI):** The Advertising Policy of the Government already provides for relaxation in the minimum paid circulation to certain categories of small newspapers/periodicals. No further relaxation in this regard is under consideration.

**Working group on Tribal Development**

**2905. SHRI RAM BERWA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group on tribal development and for fast and effective development of the tribal areas has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Electrification of villages in Purnea District, Bihar**

**2906. SHRI HALIMUDDIN AHMED:**

**SHRI YUVRAJ:**

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of electrification of villages of Purnea and Katihar districts of Bihar;

(b) whether the progress of such scheme is below the schedule; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay and the steps proposed to be taken to fulfil the schedule target?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) The progress of electrification of vil-

lages in Purnea and Katihar districts of Bihar is given below:—

	Total No. of inhabited villages	No. of villages electrified as on 31-3-1977
Purnea . . .	2,493	194
Katihar . . .	1,239	125

(b) and (c). Electrification of villages in North Bihar, including Purnea and Katihar districts, has been slow generally, due to its geographical conditions, lack of communication facilities, inadequate transmission/distribution network in the area, lack of load development etc.

Greater attention is now being given to areas where the progress is slow. Loan assistance on soft terms, for electrification in such areas is being given by the R. E. C. under the Minimum Needs Programme, and also under their normal programme.

**Seminar on Non-aligned News Pool**

**2907. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a seminar on "Non-aligned News Pool" was conducted in New Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI):** (a) and (b). A Seminar on the Press Agencies' Pool of Non-aligned countries was organised by the All India Newspaper Editors' Conference on 11th February, 1978. Various aspects connected with the pooling of news resources and exchanging Regional news of interest amongst the Non-aligned and developing countries are