

Increase in Communal Clashes

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the month of August-September, 1978 the number of communal clashes in the various States continued to increase;

(b) if so, whether in Bihar and U.P. they were the highest;

(c) the main reasons for these communal riots; and

(d) the action taken by the State Governments and Union Government against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) According to information available with the Government of India, there has been an increase in the number of communal incidents in August and September, 1978 as compared to previous months of this year.

(b) Out of 57 communal incidents in August-September, 10 had occurred in Bihar and 9 in U. P.

(c) Communal trouble occurred due to petty differences between members of the two communities either based on land disputes or routes to be followed by religious processions or other personal quarrels.

(d) Action according to law is taken against those found responsible for communal riots.

Powers Breakdown in Delhi

441. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL:
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of frequent power breakdown in Delhi and almost daily power is suspended in one part or the other for some time;

(b) the number of Units of plants in the Indraprastha Power Station;

(c) how many units remained idle during the year 1978 upto 10th November, 1978 and for how many days each unit remained closed;

(d) the particular reasons of the units going out of production so frequently; and

(e) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken to supply uninterrupted supply of power?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Government is aware of the frequent power breakdowns and power suspension in Delhi.

(b) There are five thermal generating units installed at Indraprastha Power Station.

(c) and (d). The total number of days for which each of the units at I.P. Station had been shut down during the year 1978 upto 10th November, 1978 and the reasons therefor are given below: