

the following five year period from 1978-79 to 1983-84;

(b) is it a fact that even taking all the thermal projects which are sanctioned and under construction power shortage will still continue in Madhya Pradesh during the entire period of five years and more specially during the year 1982-83;

(c) is it not necessary that additional thermal projects for at least two sets of 210 MW are immediately sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh and work should commence during the year 1978-79 itself;

(d) have the Madhya Pradesh Government and M.P.E.B. submitted projects reports for new thermal projects; what are the reasons for delay in sanctioning of these projects; and

(e) what are the steps being contemplated by the Ministry of Energy to avert the power shortage in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMCHANDRAN): (a) to (e). A comprehensive study of the anticipated demand and power supply position, state/regionwise, was carried out last under the 10th Annual Power Survey which was completed in 1977. The assumptions regarding targets of overall economic growth and industrial and agricultural Production taken into account in the 10th Annual Power Survey have undergone a change in the light of the Five Year Plan 1978-83. The 11th Annual Power Survey Committee has been constituted to review the projections of the 10th Annual Power Survey and a realistic assessment of the power supply position in the various States would emerge when this Committee finalises its studies.

According to tentative exercises carried out recently, there is a gap between peak demand and available capacity in the State of Madhya Pradesh with the commissioning of pro-

jects under implementation, the power supply position in the State during the 5-year period 1979-84 would gradually improve and power availability in 1982-83 and 1983-84 would, by and large, be adequate in terms of energy, though there may be marginal peaking capacity shortages. While the anticipated peaking capacity shortages can be met by a system of demand management, addition of some thermal generating capacity would make the power supply position more comfortable. The M.P. Electricity Board have submitted proposal for installation of two units of 210 MW each under Korba west-extension Thermal Project. This project has been accorded techno-economic approval by the Central Electricity Authority, subject to formal clearance from the Deptt. of Science and Technology in respect of the Bargo Dam from the ecological angle. The M.P. State Electricity Board have also submitted project reports in respect of the following thermal power projects:

Birsinghpur — 2×210 MW  
Bisawrempur — 2×210 MW  
Vindhyachal — 2×500 MW

These projects are required to meet the demands for power in Madhya Pradesh beyond 1984.

#### Broadcasting of Regional News

3070. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'regional news' are broadcast from different stations of All India Radio in the regional languages concerned;

(b) if so, the frequency, languages and the places of such news broadcast;

(c) whether the said news bulletins comprise only the official handouts and Ministerial speeches;

(d) if so, why;

(e) if not, whether A.I.R. regional correspondents collect and edit news of regional interest and importance; and

(f) if so, how and with what equipment?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir. All India Radio broadcast 108 regional news bulletins from 35 AIR Stations in 22 languages and 34 dialects.

(b) The required information is given in the enclosed statement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). Correspondents and part time Correspondents of AIR posted in various places collect news of regional interest and importance to feed the respective regional news bulletins of the

AIR. The news so collected is edited by the editorial staff of the regional news units.

The Correspondents keep in touch with various official and non-official agencies and institutions in their respective regions, attend various meetings and functions, visit places, collect news and file the same either personally at the regional news units or send it from outstations by telegram, telephone and telex. Transport facilities, available with the Regional Stations of All India Radio are also available to the Correspondents, for their news coverage. Facilities of tape recorders, transistor sets, reverse-charge trunk call authority press Bearing Authority, etc., are also provided.

**Statement**

*Statement showing Languages, Frequency and Stations from where Regional news Bulletins are Broadcast*

S. No.	Station	No. of daily regional News Bulletins (Frequency)	Language(s)
1	2	3	4
1	Agartala	2	Tripuri/Bengali
2	Ahmedabad	2	Gujarati
3	Aizawal	1	Mizo
4	Bangalore	2	Kannada
5	Bhopal	2	Hindi
6	Bhuj	1	Gujarati
7	Bombay	4	Marathi/Konkani/Gujarati
8	Calcutta	9	Bengali/Santhali
9	Calicut	2	Malayalam
10	Chandigarh	2	Punjabi/Hindi
11	Cuttack	2	Oriya
12	Dibrugarh	8	Tangsa/Nocte/Arunachal/ Rajjohi/Wanchoo/Ido/Adi/ Mishi/Apatani.

1	2	3	4
13	Delhi (Pradeshik) . . . . .	3	Hindi/English
14	Gauhati . . . . .	4	Assamese/Bodo/Karbi.
15	Hyderabad . . . . .	3	Telugu/Urdu
16	Imphal . . . . .	6	Manipuri/Kabui/Thadou/Mao/ Tangkhul
17	Jaipur . . . . .		Hindi/Rajasthani
18	Jammu . . . . .	3	Dogri/Gojri
19	Kohima . . . . .	7	Nagamese/Sangtam/Yimchung/ Konyak/Phom/Chang/Kabui/ Zeliam/Ao/Sema/Lotha/Reng Rengma/Chakhesang/Angami/ English.
20	Kurseong . . . . .	1	Nepali
21	Leh . . . . .	2	Ladakhi
22	Lucknow . . . . .	2	Hindi
23	Madras . . . . .	2	Tamil
24	Nagpur . . . . .	1	Marathi
25	Panaji . . . . .	1	Konkani
26	Patna . . . . .	2	Hindi
27	Pune . . . . .	1	Marathi
28	Pondicherry . . . . .	1	Tamil
29	Port Blair . . . . .	3	Hindi/Nicobarese
30	Ranchi . . . . .	1	Hindi
31	Shillong . . . . .	6	English/Mizo/Garo/Khasi/Jaintia
32	Silchar . . . . .	1	Bengali
33	Simla . . . . .	1	Hindi
34	Srinagar . . . . .	8	Urdu/Kashmiri/Gujri
35	Trivandrum . . . . .	3	Malayalam

Besides, external bulletins are also put out by Regional News Units as under:

Bombay . . . . .	2	Gujarati/Konkani
Calcutta . . . . .	3	Bengali
Madras . . . . .	1	Tamil