

(b) The diesel power plants are used either for emergency or for peaking purposes in West Bengal. Recently, the Government of West Bengal have placed an order for two diesel generating sets of 3.5 MW each. The exact locations will be decided by the State Government depending on the power supply position in the area.

With the recent oil crisis, addition to diesel-electric generating capacity is discouraged.

Generation of power by Diesel Power Stations at Siliguri and Cooch Bihar

<i>Statement</i>			
		Installed capacity (K.W.)	Generation (M.Kwh)
<i>Siliguri</i>			
1970-71	.	2976	3.71
1971-72	.	3560	5.40
1972-73	.	3560	2.25
<i>Cooch Bihar</i>			
1970-71	.	2474	2.30
1971-72	.	3354	3.27
1972-73	.	3354	1.14

9395. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH MAHATA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether diesel power stations at Siliguri and Cooch Bihar are generating power as per installed capacity;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the figures of energy generated there during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). Diesel power stations with aggregate installed capacities of 3560 kW and 3354 kW are located in Siliguri and Cooch Bihar respectively. These two towns get their main power supply from the Grid and these diesel plants are used either for emergency or for peaking purposes. Therefore, the question of generating power as per installed capacity does not arise. The quantum of energy generated and the installed capacity are shown in the statement attached.

Expenditure incurred on Gumti Hydel Project of Tripura

9396. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH MAHATA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far for Gumti Hydel Project in Tripura, year-wise; and

(b) the time by which the project is expected to be completed and the amount to be spent thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Gumti Hydel Project, estimated to cost Rs. 1273 lakhs is expected to be commissioned by December, 1975. The expenditure so far incurred on the Project is indicated below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)	
Upto end of 1968-69	129
During 1969 to 1972	289
1972-73	100
1973-74 (anticipated)	156