

(b) whether Government propose to lay a statement on the Table giving details of the Central assistance and the prospects of improvement?

**The Minister for Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):** (a) and (b). There has been acute power shortage in Rajasthan during the last two years. The following steps were taken to mitigate the power shortage in the State:—

- (i) A 132 KV single circuit transmission line from Ratanagarh to Jaipur was constructed and energised in March 1965 to enable import of power from Bhakra-Nangal system to Jaipur-Ajmer area.
- (ii) Diesel generating sets aggregating 6.3 MV were procured and installed.
- (iii) Private licensees at Ajmer and Udaipur were asked to generate power from their local diesel stations which were closed down previously.
- (iv) One gas turbine set of 10 MW capacity was purchased from Mysore and installed at Kota in Rajasthan.

The power supply position in Rajasthan during 1966-67 is expected to improve as a result of:

- (i) possible increase in the inflow of water into Gandhi-sagar Reservoir;
- (ii) availability of Rajasthan share of power from the first unit (62.5 MW) of Satpura Thermal Station by about March, 1967.

As regards financial assistance, a loan of Rs. 50 lakhs was sanctioned by the Government of India towards meeting expenditure on the purchase and installation of the 10 MW Gas Turbine Set mentioned above.

Another proposal of the Government of Rajasthan for assistance to

the tune of Rs. 200 lakhs towards construction of transmission lines is under consideration.

#### **Irrigation Scheme at Chaliyar**

**516. Shri Mohammed Koya:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to start any irrigation schemes in the Chaliyar river;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):** (a) and (b). The Government of Kerala have investigated the Bepore Puzha or Chaliyarpudha Irrigation scheme on Chaliyar river. The scheme envisages the construction of a barrage across the Chaliyar river in Arigode village and diversion of the waters through two canals on the left and right banks to benefit an area of about 14,000 acres in the basin. The scheme has other benefits like Navigation, Fish culture, recreation etc. The scheme is roughly estimated to cost Rs. 350 lakhs.

(c) The question does not arise.

#### **Pollution of Chaliyar River**

**517. Shri Mohammed Koya:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people living on both sides of the Chaliyar River in Kerala are suffering from various diseases because of the pollution of water in the river; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the health authorities to prevent the outbreak of epidemics in the area?

**The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) No such complaints are reported to have been received by the Government of Kerala, though newspapers have written about it.