problems, pit-head generation is generally given somewhat higher priority; however, the setting up of load centre power stations is also equally important from the point of view of overall plans in the power distribution system. In case of Madhya Pradesh, a number of pit-head power stations are already operating and the following new units in Madhya Pradesh have been given coal linkage during Eighth Plan period:

		Capacity
Birshingpur TPS	Units 1 to 4	840 MW
Ponch TPS	Units 1 & 2	420 MW
Korba TPS	Units 5 & 6	420 MW
Vindhyachal TPS	Units 6, 7 & 8	1210 MW

Overbridge at Rampura on Delhi-Rohtak Route

8697. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct an overbrigde at Rampura railway crossing on Delhi-Rohtak rail line in view of the demand of the residents of that area; and

(b) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. Construction of road overbridge at the location is not feasible due to heavily built up area towards Rampura side.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Power Crisis In Delhi

8698. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNAMUR-THY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present shortage of power in the capital is aggravated by the neighbouring States drawing more power and for long durations than their quota from the Northern Power Grid, if so, the steps taken to tackle this problem;

(b) whether Government have considered the feasibility of treating Delhi as a priority area for the purpose of power supply; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase power generating capacity and also for providing more transmission lines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The power supply position in the capital at present is by and large satisfactory. The actual drawl of power by Delhi and the neighbouring states of the Northern Region is regulated by the Northern Regional Electricity Board keeping in view their entitlement, actual generation, load, conditions and system parameters.

(b) In the event of any difficulty in