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country installed capacity of electricity generation increased from 1360 Megawatt to 64,500 Megawatt. In this way annual growth rate has approximately been 9.5% Per capita electricity consumption in the country increased from 15 Kilowatt hour 220 kilowatt hour. But in Bihar the growth of electricity generation has comparatively been very slow. In 1974, in the state capacity of electric generation was 150 Megawatt which during 40 years increased only upto 1450 Megawatt. In this way annual growth rate of electricity generation could reach to 5.4%, while during this period national average percentage is 9.5%. Similarly, in per capita consumption too, Bihar is far behind the other states of the country. Per capita consumption of the State is approximately 104 Kilowatt hour, while national average consumption is approximately 220 kilowatt hour. North Bihar is the most backward from availability of energy and from per capita consumption point of view. Per capita average consumption of North Bihar is only 18 kilowatt hour. It is clear from above dates that the availability of basic means of industrial development has been very low in the state.

Potential of Hydro-electrical energy of the state has been estimated approximately 538 Megawatt. Contrary to it only 17% of Hydro-electricity generation capacity could be developed. Despite the availability of coal in 104 kilowatt hour, while national average consumption is approximately abundance in the state, there has not been adequate development in regard to installation of Super Thermal Power.

It is necessary for all round development of the state that its electricity generation capacity is be increased from 1450 Megawatt to 2000 Megawatt. Alongwith this availability of energy from sector should be increased up to 850 Megawatt.

(vi) **Need to review the proposed fiscal measures of Government Freezing/Impounding of Dearness Allowance etc.**

[English]

SHRI AJAY MUKHOPADHYAY (Krishnanagar): It is learnt that some of the fiscal measures being contemplated by Government also include imposition of freezing of the Central Dearness Allowance and as a step towards that there is a move to impound future instalments of DA for the next two years.

If Government proceeds with this move of freezing or impounding of DA, it will be extended to State Government employees as well and subsequently to the entire working class belonging to both public and private sectors.

The contemplated measures also include steep hike in diesel and fertilizer prices, squeezing the public distribution system by excluding the so called better-offs from its purview, further disinvestment from public sector equity etc. The aforesaid measures, if implemented, would severely jeopardise the interests of the employees and workers, the cultivators and the general people of the country.

In the greater interest of the working force of the country, I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to abandon the proposed measures immediately.

(vii) **Need to Generate Employment Opportunities in Haryana**

SHRI JANGBIR SINGH (Bhiwani): Haryana is an agriculture-based State and the farmers are having very small holdings and it has become very difficult for them to make both ends meet. The labourers and educated youth are also facing great difficul-