

Statement II

Places where generation of electricity has started together with the quantity of electricity produced.

SCHEME	CAPACITY (KW)	FIRM POWER (KW)	GENERATION 1970-71 (Million units)
PALLIVASAL	37500	32500	102.2
SENGULAM	48000	20800	151.0
NERIAMANGALAM	45000	27300	244.5
PORINGALKUTHU	32000	16900	186.7
PANNIAR	30000	19500	59.2
SHOLAYAR	54000	26600	247.7
SABARIGIRI	300000	138500	1133.3
			2,124.6

Besides, the above, the Kuttiadi Project and the Idikki Hydro Electric Project are under construction. The Kuttiadi Project, with an installation of 75 MW (3x 25 MW) is expected to be completed by July, 1971. The first stage of the Idikki Project envisages installation of 3 units of 130 MW each. The first unit of 130 MW at this station is expected to be commissioned in 1973-74 and other two units in early Fifth Plan period. The second stage extension of this project involving installation of three more units of 130 MW, which would enable the station to be operated as a peaking station, has recently been cleared for implementation by the Advisory Committee. 245 million kwh will be available from Kuttiadi and about 1865 million kwh from Idikki Project respectively.

Ring Railway for De hi

* 509. SHRI A. N. CHAWLA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of Ring Railway in Delhi will be completed according to the time schedule;

(b) the present stage of construction of this Railway; and

(c) by which date this Railway will commence operation ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) to (c). There is no proposal for the construction of a Ring Railway in Delhi.

A Study Team on Metropolitan Transport was set up by the Planning Commis-

sion, in 1965, to study the transport requirements of Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi and Madras. The preliminary investigations by this Team indicated that a Mass Rapid Transit System (Metropolitan Railway System) would be required for Delhi.

The comprehensive Traffic & Transportation Study for Delhi, entrusted by the Metropolitan Transport Team to the Central Road Research Institute, has been completed. From a consideration of the data available from the Study, the Metropolitan Transport Team is expected to arrive, shortly, at conclusions as regards the 'corridors' along which Metropolitan Rail Lines are required; i.e., whether radial, circular or other alignments. After the Metropolitan Transport team's recommendations are available, the Railways would take up the Techno-economic Feasibility Studies to decide on the most suitable system; overhead or underground—for Metropolitan Rail System for Delhi. Provision of funds has been made in the Railways' Budget for the current year for these Studies.

**Broad-Gauge line between
Salem and Neyveli**

*510. SHRI BHUVARAHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to introduce a Broad Gauge line between Salem and Neyveli in view of the importance of the Salem Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, when the work in that connection will be started ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Writ Petitions filed in High Courts
by staff of Railway
Electrification**

2109. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a majority of Class III staff of Railway Electrification have filed writ petitions in different High Courts;

(b) whether in most of the cases, the Railway administration have lost the cases and a large expenditure has been incurred by Government in this connection;

(c) if so, the expenditure including salaries of staff concerned; and

(d) whether some Members of Parliament have requested the Railway authorities to settle all these matters through negotiations and if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) to (d). The information if being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**मध्य रेलवे पर कुछ गाड़ियों का चलाना
बंद करना**

2110. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य रेलवे पर कुछ यात्री रेलगाड़ियों का चलाना बंद कर दिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?