ABDUCTED PERSONS

414. Shri Badshah Gupta: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of abducted persons so far returned by West Pakistan to India?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawahar-lal Nehru): 8,616, upto 31st July 1953.

PASIGARH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK

- 415. Shri N. L. Joshi: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Community Development Block at Pasigrah in the North East Frontier Agency has started functioning; and
- (b) if so, what progress the work has made so far?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Suri Hathi); (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 16]

DOCUMENTARY FILMS

- 416. Shri E. Iyyani: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:
- (a) whether documentary films have been produced in any of the regional languages; and
 - (b) if so, what are they?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). All documentary films produced by the Films Division of Government of India are released with commentaries in Hindi. Bengali, Tamil and Telugu besides English.

BAKRA-NANGAL PROJECT POWER STATION

- 417. Shri Ramachandra Reddi: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of power stations planned under the Bakra-Nangal Project;
- (b) the total amount estimated, sanctioned and spent for those power stations;

- (c) the stage at which the constructions are:
- (d) the period within which they are likely to be completed;
- (e) the approximate power to be generated; and
- (f) the period within which the generated power will be fully utilised?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Three—One at main Bhakra Dam and two on the Nangal Canal.

- (b) (i) Total estimated amount—Rs. 16.52 crores.
- (ii) Amount so far spent—Rs. 9 crores (approximately).
- (c) (i) The construction work on the Bhakra Power House has not yet been taken in hand.
- (ii) On power House No. 1 on Nangal Canal, the sub-structure has been completed and erection of hydraulic and electrical machinery has commenced. On Power House No. 2 the excavation work has been completed and the foundation raft is being laid.
- (d) Power House No. 1 on Nangal Canal—By middle of 1954.

Power House No. 2 on Nangal Canal—by middle of 1955.

Date of final completion of the Bhakra Power House has not yet been determined as final decision regarding the installation of Bhakra Power Plant has not yet been taken.

- (e) (i) Bhakra Power House—55,000 K.W. firm (approximately)
- (ii) Nangal Power Houses—70,000 K. W. firm.
- (f) The power available from the two Nangal Power Houses is expected to be utilised within the first five years. The combined power of the Bhakra and Nangal Power Stations as initially planned is expected to be fully utilised about 1964-65.