

1990-91	166
1991-92	87
1992-93	50
Total	253

Besides the above R&M works were completed during the above-mentioned period in four hydro-electric projects.

(c) While it is difficult to attribute increase in power generation to any single factor, the generation of power has been increased by approximately 3% in the thermal units where R&M related activities were completed. In the 4 hydro-electric power stations where renovation and modernisation was carried out during the above-mentioned period, the increase in power generation was of the order of 11.57%.

### Power Projects in Tamil Nadu

\*860. SHRI R. DHANUSKODIATHITHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of power projects in Tamil Nadu has been delayed due lack of funds;

(b) if so, the names of the projects which have been affected thereby; and

(c) the efforts being made the Union Government to provide funds for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Availability of requisite funds has not been a major causal factor to the delay in implementation of sanctioned projects in Tamil Nadu.

### Cotton Production

\*865 SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the production of cotton during 1992-93;

(b) whether the production during the said period has exceeded the demand in domestic market;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to augment the export of cotton in view of its high yield?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The production of cotton during during 1992-93 is likely to be of the order of 119.6 lakh bales (of 170 kgs. each).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The production in 1992-93 is in excess of the estimated demand in domestic market which is around 113 lakh bales per annum.

(d) Considering the comfortable cotton position in the country the Government has been allowing exports of cotton in larger quantities. For 1992-93 the Government has already released an export quota of about 15 lakh bales. The surpluses all export quotas so far.

### Teaching of Toddlers

\*866. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCERT has recently made any study regarding the teaching of toddlers in nursery schools;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to lessen the burden on children at primary stage;

(d) the number of nursery schools at present