

**Power Projects**

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 Shri Vishram Prasad:  
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:  
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
 Shri Maheswar Nalk:  
 Shri Oza:  
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
 Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:  
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
 Shri Gokaran Prasad:  
 Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S.A. have agreed to give loans to the extent of Rs. 24 crores for the three power projects—namely Bandel, Cambay and Birsinghpur;

(b) if so, the total cost of these projects; and

(c) the total power generating capacity to be installed under these projects?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) Yes; this amount, for meeting rupee costs of the projects, would come from PL 480 funds. This is in addition to U.S. Loans totalling Rs. 38 crores to meet the foreign exchange costs of these projects.

(b) and (c). The total estimated cost and generating capacity of these three projects are as follows:—

	Estimated cost in Rs. crores	Generating capacity
	Rs.	
(1) Bandel	29.00	4X75/ 87.5MW
(2) Cambay	25.00	4X50/ 62.5MW
(3) Birsinghpur	11.00	2X30MW

**Trachoma in Jammu and Kashmir**

300. **Shri D. B. Raju:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

the incidence of Trachoma in the Kashmir Valley and the steps being taken by the Central Government to eradicate the same?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** A random sample survey was taken up by the Trachoma Control Pilot Project—India, under the auspices of the Indian Council of Medical Research during the period October, 1959—November, 1960, in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. 83 villages in nine districts were covered during the survey. The sample household coverage was 91.3% and the population coverage of the sample was 93.3%. The prevalence rate of total trachoma was noted as follows:—

Srinagar .	32.5
Baramula	23.8
Anantnag	23.3
Kathua .	12.4
Jammu .	11.6
Udhampur	4.7
Poonch .	4.5
Doda	4.3
Ladakh .	2.2

The Jammu and Kashmir Government have established one Trachoma Control Unit which has been functioning in that State since December, 1962. The Trachoma Control Programme will continue in Jammu and Kashmir State throughout the remaining period of the Third Five Year Plan.

The estimated expenditure on one Trachoma Control Unit for 3 years is Rs.2,70,378.00 and 50% of this expenditure is given by the Government of India as Central assistance through ways and means advance. A vehicle and the antibiotics required for this programme are also being supplied through UNICEF assistance.