

Parliament is progressing according to plan;

(b) if so, the stage at which it has reached; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) to (c). Expenditure sanction of Rs. 146 lakhs for the new press on the Ring Road, Delhi, has already been issued. Detailed plans and estimates are under preparation. The construction work is likely to start within the next few months.

As the printing work has increased greatly, it is not intended to close down the Minto Road Press. After the Ring Road Press starts functioning, the distribution of Parliamentary work between this press and the Minto Road Press will be considered.

Local Development Works in Orissa

1543. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount given so far to Orissa for local development works in the State during the first year of the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount proposed to be allocated for Orissa for the said purposes during 1964-65?

The Deputy Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) A central grant of Rs. 22·905 lakhs has been released to the Government of Orissa for the Local Development Works Programme during the first year of the Third Five Year Plan.

(b) The State-wise allocation of funds for the Local Development Works Programme for 1964-65, is under consideration.

Generation of Electricity in Orissa

1544. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of Orissa for generating electricity;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the quantum of power in that State during 1964-65; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) 287,460 KW.

(b) and (c). No additional generating capacity is expected to be commissioned in 1964-65. However, in 1965-66, 187,500 KW of capacity is expected to be installed at Talcher Thermal Station.

Inquiries against Officials of Dandakaranya

1545. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of inquiries instituted against the officials of Dandakaranya Project during 1963-64 by the Special Police Establishment; and

(b) the number of cases in which inquiries have been completed and punishment awarded?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

Ballemla Dam

1546. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the latest progress made so far regarding the construction of Ballemla Dam Project in Korapur District (Orissa); and

(b) when the project would be completed?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a). Drilling