

State-wise figures for 1971-72 are not yet available. Total production of jute and mesta is estimated to about 68 lakh bales.

(2) *State-wise number of composite jute mills.*

West Bengal	54	(All in private sector)
Andhra Pradesh	4	-do-
Bihar	3	-do-
U. P.	3	-do-
Assam	1	(Co-operative sector)
M. P.	1	(Private sector)

Setting up of Modern Jute Mills

2532. SHRI K. KODANDA RAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the findings of the Committee appointed to survey the possibilities regarding the establishment of new and modern jute mills in the jute-growing States; and

(b) if so, the States selected for the purpose and the sector in which the mills will be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Not yet, sir. (b) Does not arise.

Power Shortage in Andhra Pradesh

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Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the reason for the present power shortage in Andhra Pradesh and the immediate remedial measures contemplated by the Central Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : The present power shortage in Andhra Pradesh

is due to inadequate generating capacity and relatively lower output from the hydro reservoir in Machkund arising from insufficient rainfall in the catchment area.

Relief power is being arranged from Mysore, Kerala and Tamil Nadu States to the extent possible.

Power Crisis in Andhra Pradesh

2534. SHRI K. KODANDA RAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there may be a power crisis in Andhra Pradesh during 1973-74 and 1974-75, if the present tempo of power generation is not stepped up; and

(b) whether the State Government have approached the Central Government to allocate Rs 9.50 Crores for the Lower Sileru Hydro-Electric Project and if so the reaction of the Centre thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B.N. KUREEL) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of a likely shortage of power in 1973-74 and 1974-75 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The State authorities have requested for additional allocation of Rs. 29.25 crores to enable them to commission one generating unit of 100 MW by 1973-74. The State Government has been told that if they could raise a substantial part of the requirement by mobilising resources, Centre may assist in making up the shortfall.

Railway Educational Institutions in Assam with Assamese medium

2535. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many Educational Institutions in Assam are being run by the Railway Administration; and

(b) the number and names of the Institutions where the medium of instruction is Assamese ?