

Representation of Growing Population in Lok Sabha

159. SHRI K. MALLANNA:

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Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average electorate of a Lok Sabha Member in the year 1971 as compared to that in 1962 and 1957; and

(b) how Government propose to bring into effect the representation of growing population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY): (a) The average electorate in a parliamentary constituency (excluding those in the States of Jammu and Kashmir and Nagaland the Union territories) in the year 1957, 1962 and 1971 was 397,590, 443 720 and 542,141 respectively.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government. However, an elected Member represents the people of his constituency regardless of any increase or decrease in population.

Electrification of villages in U.P.

160. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in the country which are yet to be electrified and the number of such villages in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total number of villages likely to be electrified during 1973-74 in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the programme chalked out to electrify all the villages and Harijan bastis in Uttar Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) Out of 5,66,878 villages in the country, 1,31,418 villages had been electrified as on 31-12-72, leaving 4,35,460 villages which remain to be electrified. Out of 1,12,624 villages in U.P. 25,898 villages were electrified by the end of December, 1972, leaving 86,726 villages which are still to be electrified.

(b) It is programmed to electrify additional 3,000 villages in Uttar Pradesh during 1973-74; and

(c) Electrification of all the villages and Harijan Bastis in Uttar Pradesh depends upon the Outlays provided in the Fifth and subsequent plans.

Cost Estimates of Beas-Sutlej Link and Pong Dam

161 SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost estimates of the Beas-Sutlej link and Pong Dam the two units for the Beas Project, have further gone up;

(b) the reasons therefor and the additional amount proposed to be allocated for the year 1973-74; and

(c) the efforts being made to ensure early completion of the said projects so that the cost estimates do not increase every year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of the Project has gone up mainly due to the following reasons:—

(i) A steep rise in the amount of land compensation to be paid to the landowners in Hamachal Pradesh.