

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There are 18,275 villages in Gujarat State. 5,676 villages had been electrified upto 31st March, 1974, 1432 more villages have been electrified during the first 3 years of the Fifth Plan. The percentage of village electrification in the State has risen from 31 to 38.9 during these 3 years, as against the present all-India average of 35.2 per cent. Number of pumpsets/tube-wells energised in the State has also increased from 1,02,683 on 31-3-1974 to 1,37,916 on 31-3-1977.

(b) the outlay provided for rural electrification in Gujarat is as under:—

Period	Outlay (Rs. crores)
1974-75	1.90
1975-76	3.00
1976-77	3.20
1977-78	3.50 (tentative)

(c) The State Electricity Board has intimated an expenditure of Rs. 5.84 crores during 1974-75 and Rs. 5.40 crores during 1975-76 on rural electrification works in the State. The amount of expenditure incurred during 1976-77 is not available.

(d) As per the Perspective Plan formulated by the Gujarat Electricity Board, all the villages in the State are expected to be electrified by 1990-91. The amount required has been estimated at about Rs. 93 crores.

Power crisis in Delhi

419. **SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a power crisis in Delhi in May 1977;

(b) whether this was due to complete shut-down of Badarpur Thermal Plant; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The crisis lasted for about 7 days in May when generation from Badarpur thermal power station came to nil following the break-down of the only running unit there and reduction in generation from Bhakra system due to low level in hydro reservoirs and poor inflows. Unit No. 1 was on forced outage for 7 days due to failure of the thrust pads of the machine.

Industrial Growth

420. **SHRI S. R. DAMANI**

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth achieved in industrial production during the year ended 31st March, 1977 and how does it compare with the growth during the previous year;

(b) the sectors in which the growth rate has shown marked increase and where it has fallen; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA): (a) The general index of industrial production (Provisional) compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation is available for the period April 1976 to February 1977. The rate of growth of industrial production during this period is provisionally estimated at 10.2 per cent as compared to 5.1 per cent in the corresponding period during 1975-76.

(b) and (c) The attached statement shows the rate of growth in different sectors during April-February 1975-76 and 1976-77. Production performance in different sectors has depended on factors such as the state of demand, sufficient availability of inputs at reasonable prices and productive efficiency, etc.