

Rural Electrification in M.P.

4070. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rural population in the State of Madhya Pradesh covered by the rural electrification schemes sanctioned by the Rural Electrification Corporation, and

(b) further steps being taken to boost up rural electrification in that State?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) 11.61 per cent of rural population in the State of Madhya Pradesh is covered by the rural electrification schemes sanctioned by the Rural Electrification Corporation upto 31st March, 1977.

(b) Only 14040 villages (19.8 per cent) in Madhya Pradesh were electrified upto 30-4-1977. Madhya Pradesh is thus one of the backward States in the matter of rural electrification. To improve the position an outlay of Rs. 87.36 crores has been provided in the Fifth Plan for rural electrification in the State. More funds will also be available to the State Electricity Board for the purpose from Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation and Commercial Banks.

Building for Controller of Inspection Ichhapore

4071. SHRI SAUGATA ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for a new building for Controller of inspection, Ichhapore; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision has yet been reached in the matter.

विद्युत उत्पादन की लागत

4072. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत हेवी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स, हरिद्वार द्वारा निर्मित 100 मेगावाट और 50 मेगावाट के जनन सेटों वाले तापीय बिजली घरों की प्रति यूनिट बिजली उत्पादन लागत कितनी है; और

(ख) पुराने छोटे आयामित जनन सेटों की प्रति यूनिट बिजली उत्पादन लागत कितनी है और दोनों में यदि कोई अंतर है तो कितना ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (डा० पी० रामचन्द्रन) :

(क) और (ख). सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Development of Major Coal Mines

4073. SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government to develop major coal mines to attain full production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Proposals have been received and they are under consideration of the Government for the development of the following six major coal mines, which will attain their full production during the 6th Plan period:—