

Taking into account, generation from Damodar Valley Corporation, the Corporation is not in a position to supply additional power to West Bengal State Electricity Board.

[Translation]

Construction of Parallel Canal to the Ganga Canal

7000. SHRI DHARAMVIR SINGH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme of the Centre/Uttar Pradesh Government to construct a parallel canal alongwith the oldest canal of the country, the Ganga Canal with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, the scheduled period of the construction of this new Ganga canal and the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) whether keeping in view the price rise, it would not be necessary to increase many times the amount earmarked for the construction of this canal; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the period of construction of this parallel Ganga canal so as to complete the work with the amount earmarked therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The first phase of the Upper Ganga Canal Modernisation Project is scheduled to be completed in 2008 in four time slices. from 1984 to 2008 with the total cost of Rs. 1313 crores. The World Bank is currently providing assistance of US \$ 125 million for the first time slice of six year's duration upto September, 1990 and an amount of Rs. 249.77 crores is expected to be spent on the project during this period.

(c) The cost of the first time slice includes the provision of physical contingencies and also an element of price escalation.

(d) The State Government has not made any proposal to reduce the period of construction of the parallel Ganga Canal.

[English]

Commercial Energy Consumption

7001. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) Commercial energy consumption in terms of coal replacement, of oil products and electricity in 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85;

(b) projected requirements for the next five years;

(c) estimates drawn up, if any, of non-commercial fuels like dung, firewood, charcoal and vegetable waste in the total energy consumed in the country; and

(d) whether there is a shortage of these non-commercial fuels in many parts of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Setting up of Head Quarter of the Bhakra Beas Management Board at Chandigarh

7002. SHRI JINDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chairman of the Bhakra Beas Management Board has been allowed to set up his Headquarters at Chandigarh, which is at a distance of 108 Kms., 210 Kms. and 200 Kms. from the important project sites of Nangal, Talwara and Sundernagar respectively;

(b) whether, as a result, huge sums of money will be required for purchase of land, construction of offices and residential quarters etc. at Chandigarh, while accommodation already available at the project sites is falling vacant; and

(c) whether basing high officers of the Board and top engineers and technical experts at Chandigarh instead of at or near the actual work-sites is considered conducive to more efficient management ?