

- (iii) to encourage voluntary organisations to run literacy centres exclusively for women, grant-in-aid rules have been relaxed to permit them to take up a minimum number of five centres;
- (iv) Priority is given to the opening of adult education centres in rural and adivasi areas having literacy rate below the national average in general and female adult literacy in particular; and to locate adult education centres on the basis of population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and
- (v) an incentive scheme has been instituted under which centre level awards, district level awards and State level awards are given to the States/Union Territories for excellent performance in Adult literacy for women.

#### Swedish help for Hydel Power Plants

3561 SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Sweden has offered technological consultancy and inputs for setting up hydel power plants in India ; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement, if any, arrived in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) In April, 1984, two Agreements were signed between National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd. and M/s Swed Power of Sweden for consultancy services and import of specialised equipment for investigation of Dhauliganga Hydroelectric Project in Uttar Pradesh. Assistance of 7.65 million Swedish Kroners would be provided by Swedish International Development Authority for this purpose.

#### Power Shortage in Karnataka

3562. SHRI B.V. DESAI :  
SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYAR :  
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government have decided to hike the power cut on high tension consumers upto 60 per cent with effect from Sept. 15, 1984 ;

(b) if so, whether this cut continued even after 15th September also ;

(c) if so, whether both the industries and the consumers have been greatly affected by this power cut ; and

(d) what steps Government of India propose to take to help this State overcome this power shortage which has been continuing in the State for a long time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to overcome the power shortage in Karnataka, the State is being given substantial assistance from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh whenever their system conditions permit such transfer of power. Besides, a capacity of 310 MW is programmed to be added in the Karnataka system during 1985-86. New projects aggregating to 1077 MW are also under various stages of construction, benefits from which will be available progressively in the next couple of years.

#### Import and Increase in Indigenous Manufacture of Sight Saving Drugs and Equipment

3563. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the working Group set up on control of blindness has recommended liberal import and indigenous manufacture of Sight saving Drugs and equipment on priority basis ;

(b) if so, what extent the liberalisation of import of these items have been suggested ; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to check the eye disease in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.