

picture as a number of trains run through from one section to another and other Railways also. In view of this, the figures of goods traffic hauled by electric traction in terms of net tonne kilometres for the year 1983-84 are furnished in lieu thereof;

	<i>Net Tonne Kilometres (millions) Elec. Traction</i>
Central	3,825
Eastern	12,137
Northern	13,878
Southern BG+MG)	1,905
South Central	2,878
South Eastern	16,483
Western	2,765
Total	53,871

**Import of Equipments for Power
Generating Units**

663. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are inclined to import equipments for power generating units in the country ;

(b) if so, whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is opposed to this idea ;

(c) the reasons for the opposition by the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited ;

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider their stand in view of the opposition from the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (f) : The endeavour is to maximize the utilization of manufacturing capacity developed by the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and, therefore, primary reliance for procurement of power generating equipment continues to be on the indigenous manufacturers. Import is resorted to only selectively and on merits, depending on the totality of circumstances.

The import of power generating equipment is regulated by the provision of the present Import-Export Policy.

Harbhangi Irrigation Project in Orissa

664. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) The amount sanctioned by the Government for the construction of Harbhangi Irrigation Project in Ganjam District, Orissa ;

(b) the estimated cost of the project ; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite its execution ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Irrigation being a State subject, Government of Orissa provides funds for the execution of this project. The State would be spending about Rs. 10 crores on this project by the end of Sixth plan.

(b) The latest estimated cost of the project is Rs. 34 crores.

(c) The Government of Orissa has proposed an allocation of Rs. 24 crores in its draft VII Five Year Plan to cover the entire balance cost of the project so as to complete the project by the end of the Seventh Plan.