

**Shortage of Power in Northern  
Region**

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Will the Minister of IRRIGATION  
AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Times of India dated 29 March, 1985 wherein it has been stated that the entire Northern Region of the country is facing acute shortage of power because of reduced water level in Hydel reservoirs and also due to unsatisfactory performance of some of the power Station; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to avert the crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b). The Northern Region is facing power shortage due to reduced water level in the hydel reservoirs and also due to unsatisfactory performance of thermal power stations in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. The failure of autumn and winter rains in the Region and the consequent drought conditions have aggravated the power shortage.

In order to avert the crisis the following steps have been taken by the Government :

- (i) The Renovation and Modernisation of certain thermal power stations has been taken up under a centrally sponsored scheme. All the major thermal stations in the Northern Region are included in this Programme.
- (ii) Efforts are being made to expedite the commissioning of on-going generation projects.
- (iii) Efforts are being made to re-commission quickly the thermal units at Obra and Harduaganj which were damaged in fire.

**Reservation for Meghalaya tribal  
communities in Hospital Admn.  
Course**

4322. SHRI G.G. SWELL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether seats for Master in Hospital Administration course in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have been reserved for the tribal communities of Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the number of reservations; and

(c) whether any Meghalayan tribal has been able to avail of the opportunity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH : (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

**Construction of railway bridge  
adjacent to river Saryu**

4323. SHRI R.P. SUMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received any memorandum from some Members of Parliament to construct a railway bridge adjacent to the bridge on river Saryu keeping in view the religious importance of Ayodhya and traffic movement to Ayodhya, Faizabad district;

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard and if no action is being taken, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether keeping in view the religious importance of Ayodhya, Government propose to like it by rail with major religious places and big cities of the country; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI