

**Shortage of Power in Northern
Region**

4321. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI :
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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

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal, at present, for construction of a bridge across river Saryu, due to severe constraint of funds and heavy commitments already in hand.

(c) and (d). Ayodhya is already linked by rail with rest of the country.

States suffering from malaria epidemic and amount spent on NMEP

4324. **SHRI MOHAN BHAI PATEL :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent on the National Malaria Eradication Programme during

the last three years, year-wise particularly in those States which suffer most;

(b) the reasons for inability to control this disease;

(c) whether it is a fact that some-time this disease spreads rapidly; and

(d), if so, what special measures are being taken to eradicate malaria or to check its spreading ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : (a) National Malaria Eradication Programme is a Category II Centrally Sponsored Scheme on a 50:50 sharing basis. The expenditure incurred by the Central Government during the last three years is as under:

Year	Expenditure Central Share (Rs. in lakhs)	Remarks
1982-83	5511.14	50% Central Share
1983-84	6883.33	50% Central share and 100% cost of malathion.
1984-85	8800.00	— do —

State-wise break-up of Central share of expenditure is given in the enclosed statement.

(b) and (c). With the implementation of Modified Plan of Operation with effect from 1977, the incidence of malaria as a whole has been declining over the years. However, inadequate surveillance activities patchy and partial spray coverage, flood and natural calamities and non-provision of matching share by the State Government effective implementation of the Programme do affect adversely the programme to control the disease in the uniform manner.

(d) The following specific steps are being taken to control the incidence of malaria under the Modified Plan of Operations :

(1) Every village is visited fortnightly by

a surveillance worker to detect fever cases, collect blood smears and to give presumptive treatment.

(2) The laboratories in the Primary Health Centres provide prompt examination of blood smears of fever cases and institution of medical treatment of positive cases.

(3) Drug Distribution Centres and Fever Treatment Depots are functioning in the villages so that the drug could be made available, with no less of time, to the fever cases.

(4) Insecticidal spray operations are undertaken in all the rural areas which have incidence of two or more cases per thousand population per year.

(5) Besides, in order to control the spread