

Study of Rural Electrification

4402. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a study on Rural Electrification Programme conducted by the programme Evolution Organisation of the Planning Commission has revealed that more efforts is needed on the part of the State Governments to provide electricity to villages where Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population dominate and also to give more incentives to the weaker section so that the benefits of electricity are available to them; and

(b) if so, the main features pointed out in the Report regard to the slow progress of electrification of the villages by the State ?

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

(b) The main factors responsible for the slow progress which emerge from the report are procedural delays, inadequate repair facilities in the proximity of villages, and inadequate bill collection centres, etc.

Request from Andhra Pradesh for Assistance outside the State Plan

4403. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a representation from the Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting for assistance outside the State Plan for installation of generating equipment for (a) Pochampadu Hydro Electric Scheme, (b) Nagarjunasagar Lift Canal Hydro Electric Scheme and (c) Penna-Aoobilam Hydro Electric Scheme where the Dams are already constructed and water is let down without power generation for want of funds;

(b) whether Union Government is emphasising the need for development of Hydel Power Potential for conservation of the fossil fuel resources; and

(c) whether these projects be posed for foreign assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) In February, 1983, a proposal was received from Andhra Pradesh. However, as the proposal was not within the norms of Central Assistance it was not accepted.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) At present these projects are not being considered for external funding/assistance.

Documentation System in Ports

4404. SHRI RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the five important recommendations relating to Documentation System in Ports contained in the Management Study Report of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (page 104 of the Department's Annual Report 1983-84) have been implemented; and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). The recommendations contained in the Report on the Documentation System in the Ports prepared by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms was accepted by the Government and the Ports were advised to take necessary action to implement them. The position in regard to the degree of implementation at different ports is being ascertained.

Gas Based Power Plant for Rajasthan

4405. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of power deficiency in Rajasthan it would be advisable to tap and utilise Bombay High Gas which is being planned to be conveyed through Rajasthan