

(a) the number of gram panchayats without post offices in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the time by which above facility is likely to be provided there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As on 31/3/92, the number of gram panchayats in Madhya Pradesh without post offices is 13125.

(b) There is no proposal to open post offices in all the gram panchayats of Madhya Pradesh. However, under the successive annual plans, new post offices are being opened on the basis of requests proposals received and justification as per prescribed norm and availability of funds.

#### Panel on Bansagar Project

1828. DR. MAHADEEPAK  
S I N G H  
SHAKYA:  
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Statement dated May 17, 1992 regarding Bansagar agreement between Governments of Bihar and U.P.;

(b) Whether the Government have constituted the panel for adjudication of this bilateral water dispute;

(c) if so, when and the details of the jurisdiction of this panel; and

(d) the time by which the panel is to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-

SOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) In a Secretary level review meeting held on 14.5.1992, it was decided to set up Joint Operation Committees for Bansagar and Rihand reservoirs and laid down in 1973 and 1976 agreement on these projects respectively.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### Performance of Thermal Power Plant

1829. SHRI HARI KEWAL  
PRASAD:  
SHRI KASHIRAMRANA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets fixed for power generation of thermal power Stations are not being achieved in view of their malfunctioning;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the union Government to ensure smooth functioning of thermal power stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The over all power generation during 1991-92 was 1.1% more than the target. However, the Thermal Power Generation during this period was 1.5% less than the programme. The performance of thermal generating units depends upon age of the unit, quality of coal, system load conditioned, hydro thermal mix in the State/Region, planned maintenance and forced outage of units and transmission constraints.

(c) Various measures being taken for optimum utilisation of installed capacity include (i) Renovation and Modernisation of old units (ii) assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking plant betterment programmes