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		144 Pilihit		
		145 Pithoragarh		
		146 Rampur		
		147 Sahajahanpur		
		148 Sitapur		
		149 Sultanpur		
		150 Unnao		
		151 Uttarkashi.		Post vacant.
19 West Bengal		152 24—Parganas.		Post vacant.
20 Arunachal Pradesh		153 Kameng		Do.
		154 Lohit		Do.
		155 Siang		Do.
		156 Subensiri		Do.
		157 Tirap		Do.
21 Goa, Daman & Diu		158 Daman		
		159 Diu		
22 Pondicherry		160 Karaikal		Post vacant.
		161 Mahe		
		162 Yanam		

Grievances of Workers in Steel Yard in Mandi Govindgarh

46. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been made to Government to redress the grievances of the workers working in the Steel Yard in Mandi Govindgarh, Punjab, managed by the Small Scale Industries Corporation; and

(b) if so, the action taken on their representation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representations received related to provision of basic amenities, and to direct employment instead of on contract. The representations were taken up with the Punjab Government; as the Mandi Gobindgarh Yard is be-

ing operated by one of their undertakings, namely, Punjab State Small Industries Corporation Limited, Chandigarh on behalf of SAIL. The State Government have intimated that all basic amenities were being provided to workers. They have, however, not accepted the demand for direct employment of workers by the Corporation in view of the intermittent nature of the work.

Power Shortage in the Country

47. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power shortages persist in the country causing great damages to the economy;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up a comprehensive programme for the power generation; and

(c) if so, steps taken and proposed to be taken in this direction?