

Setting up of a Radio Station at Surat

6900. SHRI C. D. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposals for installing Radio-Station at Surat City of Gujarat State; and

(b) if not, when the city is likely to get a Radio Station ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). A proposal for the setting up of a Radio Station at Surat is being considered for inclusion in the Five Year Plan 1980—85. Its implementation will, however, depend upon the approval of the Plan, availability of resources and relative priorities.

सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को विशेष सहायता

6901. श्री प्रभु नारायण इंडन : क्या सिंचाई मंत्री यह बतावे की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार का विचार ग्रामिण सहायता योजना के अन्तर्गत सिंचाई की दृष्टि से पिछड़ हुए मध्य प्रदेश जैसे राज्यों को सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिये कुछ विशेष सहायता देने का है ?

सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री केदार पांडे) : मध्य प्रदेश राज्य को सिंचाई स्कीमों के लिए चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में विशेष ग्रामिण सहायता देने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Progress of Irrigation Schemes under the Command Area Development Programme

6903. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of irrigation schemes under the Command Area Development Programme in three Eastern States of Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal is lagging behind the targets;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The work under the CAD Projects in Orissa and West Bengal States could not make much headway due to lack of organisation. The work in Bihar State picked up during 1979-80 as the field units have been strengthened considerably.

The State Governments of Orissa and West Bengal have been requested to strengthen the field units for accelerating the CAD programme.

Names of best Thermal Power Stations and their Power Production

6904. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state: (a) names of three best Thermal Power Stations in India which have given maximum power production of their licenced capacity;

(b) What is the position of DESU in production of power and its percentage of production in 1978-79 and 1979-80 thereof; and

(c) whether Government will take steps to see that Govt. power Stations give maximum percentage and power production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) (a): The capacity utilisation of the best three utility thermal power stations in the country during 1979-80 is as given below:

Parli	60 MW 85 per cent
Amankantak	60 MW 76 per cent
Korba III	120 MW 76 per cent