

(c) the programmes taken up by the Government to augment the power supply position in the country and the additional power generation added as a result thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring about any changes in the policy regarding generation and conservation of power to achieve better results and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Expansion of A.I.R. Network in Orissa

2102. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of population covered by All India Radio network in Orissa is less than many other States;

(b) if so, the total area covered by All India Radio network in Orissa so far;

(c) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of All India Radio network in the Seventh Plan; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) At present, radio coverage in Orissa is available to 86% of the State's population. In a number of other States it is even less.

(b) Out of the total area of 1,55,700 Square Kilometer, satisfactory radio coverage is available to population within 1,22,600 Square Kilometre, of the State.

(c) and (d). All India Radio have included schemes in the 7th Plan to set up new Radio Stations in Orissa State at Bhawani Patna, Behrampur, Baripada, Rourkela and Bolangir.

Besides, the power of existing 20 KW MW transmitter at Jeypore is to be upgraded to 100 KW. With the implementation of all the 7th Plan schemes radio coverage in Orissa would improve to 98% by population and 97% by area.

Demand and Import for Newsprint

2103. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:
SHRI R.P. DAS:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for newsprint in the country is higher than domestic production;

(b) if so, the average annual demand of newsprint in the country; and

(c) the total quantity of newsprint imported during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The annual demand of newsprint has been increasing every year and this year it is approximately six lakh metric tonnes.

(c) the year-wise quantity of newsprint imported by the State Trading Corporation of India during the last three years was as under:--

Year	Quantity (in metric tonnes)
1985-86	1,94,331
1986-87	1,89,064
1987-88	2,43,968

Power Generation Target

2104. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present level of power output in the country;

(b) whether Government have fixed higher target for power generation during 1988-89;

(c) if so, the details thereof from different sources;

(d) the measures adopted to achieve the target of power generation fixed for that year; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) During the period April, 1988 -- July, 1988 the total energy generation in the country was 70176 MU.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details of Generation Targets from different sources during 1988-89 are as under:--

Category of Generation	Generation Target (MU) 1988-89
Thermal	163000
Nuclear	5500
Hydro	58000
Total	226500

(d) and (e). The measures taken to achieve the power generation target include supply of requisite quality and quantity of coal to thermal stations, expeditious repair of units under forced outage, early stabilisation of newly commissioned units, expediting commissioning of new projects, improved capacity utilisation of existing thermal generating stations.

Execution of Hydro-Electric Projects in Orissa

2105. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hydro-electric projects under execution in Orissa;

(b) the total MW of power being generated from those hydro-electric projects;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to take up the execution of some more hydro-electric projects in that State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to implement those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b). Six hydro-electric projects with a total installed capacity of 1113.5 MW are under execution in Orissa.

(c) to (e). No new hydro-electric project is likely to be taken up in Orissa during 1988-89.

Laying of Anta Sawaimadhapur Pipeline

2106. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. has decided against building the proposed 100 Kms. long Anta-Sawaimadhapur pipeline; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). In view of the uncertainty regarding the site for the Sawai Madhopur Fertilizer Plant, it has been decided to terminate laying of the HBJ Pipeline at Borari, for the present, beyond which the pipeline is exclusively