

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Due to scarcity of coaches, diesel engines and constraints of track capacity on the sections enroute, it will not be possible to increase the frequency at present.

Power Generation in Seventh Plan

1503. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Thermal Power Plants to be taken up during the Seventh Plan period ;

(b) the total Thermal Power generation expected by the end of the Seventh Plan

(c) whether there are any thermal projects which are going to be taken up in Orissa ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) The 7th Plan is yet to be finalised. However, 59 on-going and sanctioned thermal schemes including gas based schemes and 9 schemes cleared by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) are likely to be taken up during the 7th Plan.

(b) Energy availability at bus bar from thermal power plants at the end of 7th Plan is estimated to be 168.605 billion units.

(c) and (d) Talcher super thermal power project St. I (2×500 MW) in the Central sector and Ib Valley thermal power project (4×210 MW) in the State sector have been accorded techno-economic clearance by CEA at estimated costs of Rs. 995 and Rs. 887.99 crores respectively. These projects are proposed to be taken up during the 7th Plan.

Plan to Link all major Rivers

1504. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan before the Government to link all the major rivers in order to develop an effective inland waterways system ;

(b) if so, when is it going to be taken up ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) There is no plan to link the major rivers in order to develop an effective inland waterways system. However, a National Perspective Plan for water Resources Development for Development of Irrigation and Power Potential in the Country has been formulated in the Ministry of Irrigation. Apart from, irrigation and power benefits, the Schemes for diverting water to short areas may also give additional benefits including navigation.

(b) and (c) To begin with the Government have established the National Water Development Agency to undertake survey and investigation and preparation of feasibility Report on linking of Peninsular Rivers. Any further action will depend on the outcome of these surveys and investigation. This agency is under the administrative control of Deptt. of Irrigation of the Government of India.

Closed Circuit TVs at Railway Stations

1505. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up closed circuit TVs at several railway stations ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b) Closed circuit TVs are already installed at certain stations in metropolitan cities. It is new proposed to set up closed circuit TVs at other important stations. These will be utilised to display information about train arrivals and departures, socials, educational and other messages, and also commercial advertisements.