

(e) whether the J. & K. State Government has asked more funds to implement their schemes which they had prepared earlier?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b). In consultation with the State Electricity Boards, the Rural Electrification Corporation has arrived at a programme for accelerated implementation of rural electrification projects financed by it. The State Electricity Boards have indicated specific targets in respect of works to be completed in the next four months.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the R.E.C. has approved 66 schemes upto 29-2-1980 for electrification of 4160 new villages of which 2556 have already been electrified upto September, 1979. It is expected that another 200 villages will be electrified in the next four months.

(e). No request has been received from the Jammu and Kashmir Electricity Board for additional funds over and above the financial assistance already sanctioned in respect of the approved schemes.

Proposal to set up a T.V. Centre at Surat

889. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a T.V. Centre or relaying Station at Surat in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will consider to implement the great demand of the people to set up a T.V. Centre or relaying station at Surat?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c). Due to

constraints on financial resources and low priority accorded to T.V. expansion, there is at present no proposal to set up either a T.V. Centre or a relay Centre at Surat during the current Plan period (1978—83). The suggestion will, however, be borne in mind at the time of formulating plans of T.V. expansion in future.

Upper Indravati Project, Orissa

890. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHERA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of "Upper Indravati Project" of Orissa and the target fixed for completing the project; and

(b) how many acres of land will be irrigated by this project and how many M.W. of electricity will be produced by the "Upper Indravati Project"?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) The Upper Indravati Project was approved by Planning Commission in May 1978 for an estimated cost of Rs. 208.14 crores. The project is targeted to be completed in 1987-88.

(b) The project envisages annual irrigation of 1.85 lakh hectares (4.57 lakh acres) and generation of 227 MW of power at 100 per cent load factor.

Production of Electricity by Damodar Valley Corporation

891. SHRI MUKUNDA MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Damodar Valley Corporation is not producing electricity according to its capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to optimise its production; and