

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY)

(a) The total installed capacity of power stations in the Eastern Region as on 31-12-1979 was 5747 MW consisting of 4847 MW in utilities and 900 MW in non-utilities.

(b) The total energy generation in the Eastern Region during the period April, 1979 to January, 1980 was 12630 million units consisting of 10766 million units thermal and 1864 million units hydro.

(c) Unrestricted requirement of energy in the Eastern Region for the month of March, 1980 has been assessed at 1605 million units against which the anticipated availability is 1224 million units.

(d) A number of short term and long term measures have been and are being taken to improve power availability in the country. These measures include:—

(1) maximising generation from the existing installed capacity in the Central Sector. State Governments have also been advised to similarly maximise generation from their installed capacity.

(2) Expediting commissioning of new generation capacity in the Central sector, and advising the States to take similar steps.

(3) Monitoring of coal stocks at thermal power stations and ensuring availability of coal.

(4) Transfer of power from surplus to deficit areas.

(5) Arranging supply of spare parts from indigenous and foreign suppliers.

(6) Training of engineers for operation and maintenance of power stations

(7) Identification of deficiencies in design, equipment etc. and taking up a project renovation programme for

rectification/replacement etc, at a number of power stations.

Allocation of Funds for Zamania Pump Canal in district Ghazipur, U.P.

902. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) has any fund been allotted to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the construction of Zamania Pump Canal at District Ghazipur; and

(b) what is the amount and what is the detail of the progress of the work?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) Irrigation is a State subject and irrigation projects are planned, implemented and operated by the State Governments under their Development Plan. Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grant for the State as a whole is not related to any sector of development or project.

(b) According to proposed Annual Plan of U. P. for 1980-81, total estimated cost of the scheme for increasing capacity of Zamania Pump Canal is Rs. 939 lakhs. The scheme has not been cleared by the Planning Commission so far, for want of replies of the State Government to C. W. C.'s comments already sent to them. The Government of U. P. have however taken up the execution of the Project. Actual expenditure upto the end of 1978-79 was Rs. 102.96 lakhs. Anticipated expenditure for 1979-80 is Rs. 200 lakhs. Working Group has also approved an outlay of Rs. 200 lakhs for 1980-81.