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Tamil Nadu Electricity Board		1350	1369	2719	3523	4718	8241	35.5
Bihar State Electricity Board		765	80	845	2111	66	2177	3776
Damodar Valley Corporation		1257.5	104	1361.5	3728	188	3916	40.
Orissa State Electricity Board		250	630	880	591	1584	2175	22.7
West Bengal State Electricity Board		768	33	801	2348	26	2374	43.8
Culcutta Electric Supply Corporation		328	—	328	1326	—	1326	55.0
D. P. L. (Durgapur Projects Ltd.)		280	—	280	662	—	662	32.1
Assam State Electricity Board		141.5	—	141.5	452	—	453	43.6
Meghalaya State Electricity Board		—	125.2	125.2	—	259	259	—
Nagaland, Tripura & Sikkim		—	23.5	23.5	—	33	33	—
Atomic Power Authority		640*	—	640	2604	—	2604	55.4

*Nuclear.

Super Power Station in Eastern Coal Belt

971. SHRI ANANDA GOPAL MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) are Government thinking to have super power stations in the Eastern Coal Belt;

(b) are Government thinking to have another Super Power Station at Maldah District; and

(c) are Government planning to have super hydal power station in West Bengal region?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. Government approval has been accorded during March 1979, for the establishment of a Super Thermal Power Station at Farakka in the Eastern Region with an installation of three generating units of 200 MW each in the first phase

(b) No proposal has been formulated for establishing a Super Thermal Power Station in Maldah District.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

National Power Grid

972. SHRI ANANDA GOPAL MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state whether Government are thinking of having National Grid for electricity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): As a step towards operation of the National Grid, Regional Grids are being developed in the country. As the National and Regional Grids require strong inter State/Regional transmission lines, 100 per cent loan assistance is being given, from the IV Plan onwards, to the states for construction of these transmission lines. Regional Load Despatch Centres are also being established for proper operation of the integrated regional grids. The Natio-

nal Electrical Grid is thus in the process of gradual evolution through inter-connection of states and regional power systems.

Advisory Committee for Port Blair Station of A.I.R.

973. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since last three years there is no Advisory Committee for All India Radio, Port Blair Station; if so, state the reasons for doing so; and

(b) whether Government are now considering to constitute the Advisory Committee for A.I.R. Port Blair station; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. The term of the Programme Advisory Committee for A.I.R., Port Blair, expired in December, 1976.

(b) The Programme Advisory Committee for A.I.R., Port Blair, will be reconstituted soon.

Showing of Marathi Loknatya on Television

974. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any directive that Marathi Loknatya (Tamasha) should not be shown on Bombay and Poona television; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No Sir. In fact, Doordarshan Kendra Bombay has been

telecasting programmes by well known Tamasha Parties from time to time.

(b) Does not arise.

Advertisements issued by D.A.V.P. to certain Dailies

975. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of advertisements released by DAVP to Poona Herald, 'Sakal', 'Kesari', 'Tarun Bharat', 'Prabhat', 'Vishal Sahyadri' 'Sandhya' all dailies from Poona—during the years from 1974-75 to 1978-79; and

(b) what are the reasons for the increase of advertisements to 'Tarun Bharat', during 1977-78 and 1978-79?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The English daily, Poona Herald and the Marathi dailies 'Sakal', 'Kesari', 'Tarun Bharat', 'Vishal Sahyadri', and 'Sandhya' were on the DAVP list for release of advertisements during the period 1974-75 to 1978-79 except that the 'Tarun Bharat' was not used from May, 1976 to March 27, 1977. The 'Prabhat' was empanelled on application during 1977-78 and has been on DAVP's panel thereafter. The details of advertisement space booked in individual newspapers and their value are however treated as confidential.

(b) It is not correct that the 'Tarun Bharat' was given any special increase in advertisements. During the period May 26, 1976 to March 23, 1977, the 'Tarun Bharat' was not on the media list. Subsequently, it came on the media list, but advertisements given were not disproportionate to its circulation during the period.