

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Training is at present being imparted to engineers and operators in the operation of thermal power station in the four institute set up by the Government at Badarpur (Delhi), Nagpur, Neyveli and Durgapur. Short-term courses in various specialities like water chemistry, commissioning, maintenance planning etc. are also being organised at these institutes. It is now proposed to start the training in maintenance of thermal power plants. A simulator has also been acquired for training of operators under UNDP. This simulator would be installed at Badarpur Institute and is expected to become operational by June/July, 1981. It is also proposed to start training in the general management discipline of the power industry.

(c) The entire expenditure on the running of the four training institutes is being borne by the Govt. Some assistance in training facilities and training of persons abroad is being taken from U.K. Assistance is also being taken in conducting courses from various State Electricity Boards and other organisations.

Construction of a Bridge over Alhi Khad between Bilaspur and Kungar Hatti

8172. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a demand for the construction of a bridge over Alhi Khad between Bilaspur Township and Kungar Hatti, by the BBMM, as the existing bridge was submerged and severely damaged by the Gobind Sagar Lake, causing extreme hardship to the people and increasing the distance between Bilaspur and Ghumarwin by over 15 kilometres;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard with likely date by which the bridge would be constructed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN.): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received recently in this regard.

(b) and (c). The matter would need to be examined

Generation of Power from Hydel Power Projects in Orissa

8173. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the hydel power projects at present generating power in Orissa and the capacity thereof, project-wise;

(b) the names of the districts where these hydel power plants are located;

(c) whether the demand of the State for power supply for domestic and industrial units has been increased in recent years;

(d) if so, the measures taken by that State to meet the demand therefor; and

(e) the new hydel power projects under execution in the State and Central Sectors and expected to be completed for generating power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and