

of a group of villages within a certain radius rather than the population of a single village for providing P.C.Os/ C.Os. in hilly and backward areas, as in the case of tribal areas;

(b) if so, the date with effect from which the decision has been taken; and

(c) the exact radius or which the population of a group of villages would be considered for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) and (c), Question does not arise.

**Bringing down Expenditure on account of Transmission Losses and overhead Charges**

2223. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/R.E.C. have taken into account the transmission losses/expenditure or administration overheads while distributing funds for rural electrification for the various State Electricity Boards in the country;

(b) if so, the nature of (i) expenses on account of overhead charges (ii) the percentage of transmission losses in each one of the States of the North Western Region; and

(c) whether any effort is proposed to be made to bring down the expenditure on these two scores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Funds for rural electrification for the various SEBs in the country are decided by the Planning Commission and channelised through the Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. The funds are decided according to the level of electrification achieved and the extent of programme drawn up for the year. The extent of transmission losses and expenditure on administration overheads are consi-

dered by the Planning Commission at the time of finalising the resources for the State and Annual Plan for the year.

REC will sanction schemes after due appraisal and release funds to the SEBs or implementing the rural electrification programme.

(b) The details of expenses on overhead charges specific to rural electrification programmes is not available. The percentage of transmission losses during 1979-80 in each of the States of North-Western Region is as follows:—

1. Himachal Pradesh	19.62%
2. Haryana	28.35%
3. Punjab	19.49%
4. Rajasthan	28.64%
5. Jammu & Kashmir	46.01%

(c) The SEBs which are autonomous organisations functioning under the control of the State Governments are required to carry out the necessary exercises to reduce the administration and overhead expenses. Detailed discussions are held between SEBs and CEA on the steps to be taken to reduce the transmission losses. Substantial allocation for investment in the transmission system has been made in the Sixth Plan. This should bring about reduction in transmission losses. The SEBs have been requested to carry out necessary system studies in this direction.

**Power generation by states vis-a-vis Demand**

2224. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the production and demand of electric energy throughout the country State-wise in different important sectors for the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the States are deficit States in produc-