

**Amount Allocated for Singrauli  
Thermal power Station**

3983. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN:  
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased  
to state:

(a) the amount allocated for Singrauli  
Super Thermal Power Station;

(b) the power generation expected  
therefrom; and

(c) when the first unit of the Singrauli  
Power Station is likely to be commissioned

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI  
VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The Singrauli  
Super Thermal Power Station is  
being set up at a cost of Rs. 995.17  
crores.

(b) The installed capacity of the station  
at present would be 2000 MW.

(c) The first unit of 200 MW of the  
power station is likely to be commissioned  
by February, 1982.

**Review of functioning of State  
Electricity Boards**

3384 SHRI HARINATHA MISRA:  
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government have recently  
reviewed the functioning of State Elec-  
tricity Boards;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) what are (i) the estimated total  
cumulative loans outstanding against each  
of the State Electricity Boards;

(ii) outstanding dues to be recovered  
by each of the State Electricity Boards;

(d) whether Government have accepted  
the Rajadhayaksha Committee's recom-

mendations that re-vamping must start at  
the top by entrusting selection of Board  
Members and Chairman to Independent  
Agency; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken or  
are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI  
VIKRAM MAHAJAN) (a) and (b). The  
performance of the State Electricity Boards  
is primarily the responsibility of the State  
Governments. The Central Government  
have been reviewing functioning of the  
State Electricity Boards on a continuing  
basis with a view to improve their overall  
performance. Their performance was  
recently reviewed at a conference of the  
Chairman of SEBs and other senior officials  
on July 17, 1981 and specific guidelines  
were issued to improve the working of the  
State Electricity Boards. These guidelines  
cover, *inter alia*, improvement in the fi-  
nancial performance of the State Electricity  
Boards through betterment of plant and  
equipment and increased capacity utili-  
sation, rationalisation of tariff structure,  
control over manpower and inventory  
and better project management.

(c) A statement showing the loans out-  
standing on the basis of the audited ac-  
counts and the outstanding dues for the  
Electricity Boards as on 1st April, 1979  
is enclosed.

(d) and (e). The Committee on Power  
which examined the functioning of the  
State Electricity Boards and Central  
organisations engaged in electricity ge-  
neration, transmission and distribution,  
has made several recommendations for  
improving their overall performance.  
The recommendations cover, *inter alia*,  
the organisational structure of the State  
Electricity Boards and the procedures for  
selecting their Chairman and Members.  
Appropriate action would be taken on  
these recommendations in consultation  
with the State Governments.

**Statement**

State Electricity Board	Loans outstanding as at the end of 1978-79	Outstanding dues as at the end of September, 1980
	Rs. crores	Rs. lakhs
1	2	3
Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	1,600	8,367.1
Maharashtra . . . . .	789	2,861.4
Punjab . . . . .	567	N.A.
Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	499	1,804.6

1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	459	N.A.
Tamil Nadu . . . . .	398	N.A.
Gujarat . . . . .	358	1,044.1
Haryana . . . . .	330	609.9
Bihar . . . . .	303	7,132.0
Rajasthan . . . . .	284	3,501.2
West Bengal . . . . .	234	N.A.
Kerala . . . . .	176	N.A.
Orissa . . . . .	146	N.A.
Karnataka . . . . .	116	2,125.5
Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	70	N.A.
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>6,323</b>	

Accounts of 1978-79 for the remaining three Electricity Boards, viz., those of Assam, Meghalaya and Jammu & Kashmir have not been received.

N.A. = Not available.

#### Acute shortage of power in North Bihar

3385. SHRI HARINATHA MISRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there has been acute shortage of power in North Bihar during the period January, 1980 to July, 1981?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): The total installed generating capacity of Bihar is 955 MW consisting of 805 MW thermal and 150 MW hydro. Out of the thermal capacity, Barauni thermal power station with a capacity of 145 MW is located in

North Bihar and is operating in parallel with other units in the system. Whenever there is outage of units at Barauni, the power supply position in North Bihar is adversely affected as it becomes generally difficult to divert power from Patratu thermal power station which supplies power to the already deficit areas of South Bihar. There are no statutory power cuts and the shortages are met by resorting to load shedding depending upon day to day availability. Details of requirement, availability for North Bihar separately are not available. However, a statement showing energy requirement and availability in Bihar during January, 1980 to July, 1981 is attached.

#### Statement

*Statement showing Energy Requirement, availability in Bihar During January, 1980 to July, 1981*

1	Requirement (Gwh)	Supply (Gwh)	Shortage (Gwh)	Shortage (%)
1	2	3	4	5
January . . . . .	310	183	127	41.0
February . . . . .	290	198	92	31.7
March . . . . .	380	202	178	46.8