

Manantavadi Hydro-Electric Project

3955. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAOHAVAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Manantavadi Hydro-electric Project in Kerala is still awaiting clearance ; and

(b) if so, when the clearance is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) The Project Report on the power portion of the Manantavadi multi-purpose project received in the Central Electricity Authority in May, 1980 was examined and comments sent to the Project authorities. Replies to these comments are awaited. The Project envisages westward diversion of water of Manantavadi river, a tributary of East flowing Kabin-(Cauvery Basin) for power generation and irrigation in the adjacent valley. As such the inter-State aspects relating to the sharing of Cauvery waters would have to be resolved before the scheme is considered for clearance. Also, being a multipurpose project, clearance of the Scheme by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission is necessary before the power portion of the Project is considered by the Central Electricity Authority.

Opening of Post Offices in Bharatpur District of Rajasthan.

3956. SHRI LALA RAM KEN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the category-wise number of Head Post Offices, sub-Post Offices, Telegraph Offices etc. in Bharatpur District of Rajasthan in 1980 ;

(b) the extent to which the number of all such Post Offices has been increased in the said area up to May, 1984 and the category-wise details thereof ; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of all such post offices

in near future with a view to provide facilities to the people and if so, the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) Number of Post Offices existing in Bharatpur district in 1980 were 3 head post offices, 47 sub post offices, 38 extra departmental sub Post Offices and 205 extra departmental branch post offices and 48 telegraph offices.

(b) Number of post offices added upto 31. 5. 84 is 4 sub post offices and 14 extra departmental branch post offices.

(c) Yes, Sir, 3 E.D.B.Os. are planned to be opened in the current plan year

Demand of Supply of Power in Rajasthan

3957. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether in accordance with load Forecast made by Central Electricity Authority the peak demand of Rajasthan by 1989-90 would go upto 2590 MW and even after commissioning of Additional two units of 210 MW at Kota Thermal Power Plant and 140 MW at Mahi Project in Seventh Plan the gap between demand and supply would be 1100 MW ; and

(b) the details of other plans of Government to meet the shortfall between demand and supply in Seventh Five Year Plan ?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The Working Group on Power set up in the context of formulation of the Seventh Plan has assessed the peak demand of Rajasthan by 1989-90 as 2590 MW. The power programme in the Seventh Plan has not yet been finalised.

(b) The Central Electricity Authority have accorded techno-economic clearance to six power schemes in Rajasthan, intended for benefits in the Seventh Plan. The State Electricity Board has also been advised to take measures to maximise generation from the existing power stations.