

below Andal, every effort is being made to maximise loading of forest products from stations in Palamau District as well. During the current year (upto 20th May), 7599 wagons were loaded with forest products from this area.

Work on Idikki Hydro-Electric Project

1574. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the work in Idikki Hydro-Electric Project has been delayed ; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay and the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). The work on the Idikki Hydro-electric Project has been delayed on account of frequent labour troubles and strike by departmental staff.

Additional equipment have been/are being procured to accelerate the pace of civil works. Labour disputes are being settled expeditiously and critical items of works have been taken up departmentally.

Employment-Oriented Industrial Programmes

1575. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether at the Second Afro-Asian Conference on small industries held in New Delhi in April, 1971, the need to evolve employment oriented industrial programmes was stressed ; and
- (b) if so, the schemes formulated by Government keeping in view the increasing unemployment problem ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASRD) : (a) and (b). The purpose of holding the Second Afro-Asian Conference on Small Scale Industries was to bring the developing countries on the Afro-Asian region together to exchange their experience in the field of small industries development and to facilitate discussion in the light of the prevailing economic and industrial situation in each of the countries participating in the Conference. It is universally recognised that the development of small scale industries is an effective means of creating substantial employment opportunities for the growing working force. All the schemes being implemented by Government for encouraging small scale industries, both in urban and rural areas; keep in view the increasing unemployment problem.

Schemes to Overcome Anticipated Power Shortage in Tamil Nadu

1576. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state .

- (a) whether an acute power shortage is anticipated in Tamil Nadu in the next two to three years ;
- (b) whether the Tamil Nadu Government have proposed some new power schemes to be taken up during the Fourth Plan and the Fifth Plan periods, to meet the anticipated shortage ;
- (b) if so, the main features of the schemes ; and
- (d) whether the Centre has approved the schemes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) Power shortages of about 30 MW, 200 MW and 150 MW are anticipated by the end of 1971-72, 1972-73 and 1973-74 respectively.

(b) to (d). The information asked for is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Estimated cost Rs. lakhs	Installed generating capacity proposed (MW)	REMARKS
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Pandiyar Punna Puzha	1525	2×50	Approved but work suspended for consideration of fresh proposals.
2.	Nadu vattam Diversion	72	—	Approved. The work is in progress.
3.	Cholatipuzha H. E. Project	739	1×60	Reply to Central Water and Power Commission's comments are under scrutiny (inter-State Scheme).
4.	Kadambari H. E. Project	618	1×35	Revised scheme report awaited.
5.	Suriliar H. E. Project B	617	1×35	Accepted in principle by the Advisory Committee.
6.	Upper Tambraparni H. E. Project B	600	1×30	Under scrutiny in Central Water and Power Commission.
7.	Nellithurai H. E. Project B	670	1×50	—do—
8.	Paralayar H. E. Project B	473	1×35	—do—

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Recommendations of Malaviya Committee on Small Scale Industries

1577. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the recommendations made by the Malaviya Committee on Small Scale Industries ; and

(b) if not, the time by which a decision will be taken on these recommendations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESWAR PRASAD) :
(a) and (b). The Government have taken

appropriate decisions on all the recommendations of the Malaviya Committee except the one relating to legislation for small scale industries in general and ancillary industries in particular. This recommendation is under examination.

Appointment of a Member of Board of Directors of British India Corporation

1578. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Shri Sarjoo Prasad Singh who was appointed to conduct the inquiry into the affairs of the British India Corpora-