

**Per capita Consumption of Power
in North Bihar**

2786. SHRI BHOGENDR JHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 200 on the 25th May, 1971 regarding comparative consumption of power in North Bihar, South Bihar and India and state :

(a) the *per capita* consumption of power in North Bihar after the transfer of 50 M. W. of power from South Bihar and the *per capita* consumption in South Bihar;

(b) the *per capita* consumption in each of the Districts of Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Champaran, Saharsa and Purnea ; and

(c) whether the feasibility of locating a thermal power station has since been completed and the case of Darbhanga has also been examined and if so, the result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) The *per capita* consumption during 1969-70 in North Bihar and South Bihar are 8.27 and 46.58 kwh, respectively. A 132 KV cable link between North and South Bihar has been in operation since 15th August, 1969. Power has been exchanged in either direction through this cable from time to time depending upon the availability and demand for power in each part of the State.

(b) The *per capita* consumption during 1969-70 in the Districts of Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Champaran, Saharsa and Purnea are as follows :

Name of District.	<i>Per capita</i> consumption (kwh)
Darbhanga	5.05
Muzaffarpur	6.41
Champaran	7.18
Saharsa	3.03
Purnea	3.03

(c) The project reports covering the setting up of a thermal power station of 2 x 130 M.W.

each at Muzaffarpur and Katihar have been received by the Government of India. In case, the extension of the broad-gauge line from Samastipur to Muzaffarpur is not taken up by the Railways immediately, the project proposed at Muzaffarpur is likely to be sited at Samastipur which has broad-gauge facilities and is situated in Darbhanga District.

उत्तरी बिहार में कागज मिल की स्थापना

2787. श्री कमल मिश्र मधुकर : क्या औद्योगिक विकास मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को ज्ञात है कि बिहार राज्य के उत्तरी भाग में कार्य कर रही चीनी मिल की खोई पर आधारित वहां एक कागज मिल की स्थापना बिना कठिनाई के की जा सकती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

औद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद) : (क) इस सुझाव पर पहले ही विचार कर लिया गया है और विशेषज्ञ समिति के निष्कर्षों के अनुसार वहां पर गन्ने की खोई की उपलब्धता सन्तोषजनक नहीं पाई गई थी ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Death of Station Master Derdi
(Western Railway)**

2788. SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Station Master of Western Railway at Station Derdi of Bhavnagar Division, lost his life while on duty by flame of lamp;

(b) whethers his widow has been requesting for family pension; and

(c) whether the case for the same has been referred to the Finance Ministry by the authorities concerned and if so, the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No. Shri Chunnimal A. Rawal, Station Master, Derdi committed suicide by pouring kerosene oil over his body and burnt himself inside his office after bolting from inside and died on 10-11-1966 at 19.50 hours.

(b) Yes.

(c) While under the extant rules the request cannot be agreed to, the question whether a special dispensation can be made on the facts of this case is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Brick-burning and Housing Industries suffering for want of Coal

2789. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether brick-burning and housing industries are suffering for want of coal;

(b) whether Government propose to open coal dumps near railway sidings in order to create big market for consumption of brick-burning coal and also to help housing problem and providing employment to a large number of people connected with these industries ; and

(c) if so, when coal dumps are likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) There had been some drop in loading of slack coal for the brick-burning industry during 1970-71. This was partly due to low level of demands up to August, 1970 and large-scale cancellation of sponsored rakes by the collieries and partly due to temporary short availability of wagons due to dislocations of train services in the Eastern sector of the country on account of various anti-social activities.

(b) and (c). This is a matter for the State Government. Railways are prepared to provide necessary railway siding facilities at points where the State Governments may like to open coal dumps.

Flood Protection Embankment in Tripura

2790. SHRI DASARATHA DEB : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 279 on 25th May, 1971 and state:

(a) the amount spent for the flood protection embankment of Hower area of Kailashahr during the last three years ; and

(b) If not, whether Government contemplate to construct flood protection embankment by the side of Manu river, at Hower area, Tripura ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). The Tripura Administration have reported that no expenditure was incurred during the last three years for the protection of Hower area of Kailashahr. However, a scheme comprising construction of embankments on Manu river and Baguachhera stream and provision of regulators has been prepared by the Tripura Administration. It has been kept in abeyance pending further investigations. Surveys of Manu river basin are also being carried out by the Tripura Administration.

Replacement of old Bridge at Bhadrakh Railway Station (South Eastern Railway)

2791. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any provision to replace the old and narrow overbridge at Bhadrakh Railway Station, Orissa, for better service to the public ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : There is no proposal at present to replace the existing foot over-bridge across the yard at Bhadrakh Railway Station, which is only 6 wide but otherwise in good condition. The provision of a wider foot-over-bridge will be considered for inclusion in future years Works Programme, depending upon the availability of funds.

रतलाम डिवीजन (पश्चिम रेलवे) में अपरिपुल

2792. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडे : क्या रेल मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पश्चिम रेलवे के रतलाम डिवीजन में