

The construction of inter-State and inter regional lines is a continuous process to provide for adequate line capacity to meet the situation arising from time to time. While the regional grid systems are being evolved in different regions simultaneously inter-regional connections are also being established. This will result in evolution of a National Grid.

(c) In the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal Orissa, Assam, Tripura, Manipur and Nagaland unification of power systems is under progress. In the remaining States there are unified power grid systems.

Assistance to rural electrification projects by rural electrification corporation

366. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation has recently approved for assist-

ance 16 rural electrification projects of which 8 are for backward areas and specially under-developed ones,

(b) if so, the names of those backward or under-developed areas in the country, and

(c) the main features of the projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL): (a). The Rural Electrification Corporation in its meeting held on 26th September, 1972, sanctioned 16 rural electrification schemes of 10 State Electricity Boards involving loan assistance of Rs. 813.403 lakhs, aiming electrification of 1,420 villages energisation of 14,139 pumpsets and power supply to 2,508 small scale and agro-industries. Of these 16 projects, 6 relate to backward areas.

(b) and (c) The names and details of projects relating to backward areas are to be given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	COVERAGE			Amount of loan sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)
		Villages	Pumps	Small Scale & Agro industries	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Gajwal Taluk in Medak District (Andhra Pradesh)	65	850	80	52.31
2	Special Transmission Scheme in Balasore & Cuttack Districts of Orissa			..	55.81
3	Special Scheme of Transmission & Distribution system in Balasore & Mayurbhanj Districts of Orissa				78.56
4	Anandpur Sahib tehsil in Rupar District of Punjab	173	1230	350	37.278
5	Isanagar, Dhaurahra & Ramia-Behar Blocks in Nighansan tehsils of Lakhnpur-Theri District of Uttar Pradesh	94	500	170	54.34
6	15 blocks viz Bachhran, Maharajanj, Singhpur, Tiloi, Harchandpur, Rahi, Khireu Sareni, Lalganj, Dalman, Jadaijpur, Nasirabad, Bech, Salon and Unchanar in Rae Bareilly District of Uttar Pradesh	200	460	210	57.35