

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what arrangements are being made to provide these amenities there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Sanitation and lighting arrangements are available in Delhi Kishan Ganj Colony.

(b) Does not arise.

Request from U.P. Regarding Setting up of Thermal Power Station in U.P.

7929. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some request from Uttar Pradesh for setting up a Thermal Power Station in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a thermal power station in the Eastern U.P. and particularly in the Faizabad Division if so, the particulars thereof and if not, the specific reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The U.P. State Electricity Board/U.P. Government have submitted the following thermal generation schemes:—

	Installed Capacity (MW)
1. Obra Thermal Station Extension—Stage II	3 × 200
2. Wardha Thermal Station Extension—Stage IV	2 × 55
3. Obra Thermal Station Extension—Stage III	2 × 200
4. Obra Thermal Station (Left Bank)	5 × 200
5. Gorakhpur Thermal Station	2 × 200
6. Gas Turbine Stations at Ghazifabad and Parki	4 × 25

(c) There is a proposal for a thermal power station at Gorakhpur in Eastern Uttar Pradesh. However, the exact location of the power station will be decided after the detailed investigations of alternative sites in the area which are at present being carried out by the State Electricity Board are completed.

"Sarju Yojana"

7930. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in respect of "Sarju Yojana";

(b) the time by which this Yojana is likely to be completed; and

(c) the areas likely to be benefited from this and the extent of benefit to each of the area?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member refers to the Sarda Sahayak Pariyojana, the present position of which is as under:—

Girja Barrage: Work on Girja Barrage comprising 36 bays was started in October, 1970. 6½ bays on the left bank, including 3 under sluice bays and divide wall and 2½ sluice bays on the right bank, the head regulator and the guide bund in most of its length have been completed. The remaining work is planned to be completed by 1975.

Lower Sarda Barrage: The barrage comprising of 20 bays, the bridge, the installation of gates and some work of guide bunds have been taken up during 1972-73 and is proposed to be completed by 1974.

Link Channel: Half the excavation work in the Link Channel and six out of seven bridges on this channel has been completed. The remaining work are proposed to be completed by 1975.

Feeder Channel: 250 Km. long feeder channel involving 749 lacs m³ of earth work was taken up in hand and 11 lacs m³ of earth work has already been completed. The remaining earth work, work on bridges and syphons upto 105 Km. cross regulators and lining of the feeder channel in single channel reach up to 105 Km. are proposed to be completed by 1974.

Distribution system: This work involves remodelling of 1203 Km length of branches comprising construction of twin channels of equal capacity and 5112 Km. of Distributaries, Minors and Water courses and construction of 2608 Km. length of new channels. So far land has been acquired in about 40 Km. length of branches and on some Distributaries and Minors on Darya-bad Branch System. The work is in progress.

(b) As per the present plans the **Sarda Sahayak Pariyojana** is likely to be completed by 1978 except for some finishing work which is expected to be completed by 1980.

(c) 17.12 lakh hectares of land in Barabanki, Lucknow, Rae-Bareilly, Lakhimpur, Sitapur, Varanasi, Ghazipur, Faizabad, Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Allahabad, Jaunpur and Azamgarh districts will be ultimately brought under irrigation.

Sanctioning of Permanent Cadre for Rajdhani Express

7931. **SHRI R. N. BARMAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any permanent Cadre for Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, what are the posts and the number thereof; and

(c) the number of employees serving in the Rajdhani Express who are at present not permanent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Of the staff working on the New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express, 24 are temporary while on the New Delhi-Bombay Central Rajdhani Express, 22 are temporary.

Orissa Government Representation in Study Group for Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for Construction of Banspani-Jakhapura Rail Link

7932. **SHRI ARJUN SEWBI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Engineering and Traffic surveys were carried out during 1964-65 for the construction of the Banspani-Jakhapura rail link, Orissa;

(b) if so, how the same rail link has been included in the Budget for 1973-74 for preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic surveys again;

(c) whether any representative either of Orissa State Government or peoples' representatives are taken in the Study Group to go into the aspect of infra-structural development; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes.

(b) The results of the earlier surveys having become somewhat outdated, fresh surveys are necessary.

(c) and (d). The Survey Team maintains close liaison with the State Government and other concerned interests in determining the traffic potential alignment etc. In the Study Group appointed by the Department of Mines, Chairman, Orissa Mining Corporation was included as one of the members.