

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) A final location engineering Survey has been provided for in the budget for 74-75. The survey estimates are awaited from the Northern Railway.

(b) The survey work will commence as soon as the survey estimate awaited from the Northern Railway is sanctioned. It is difficult at this stage to indicate the period by which the first phase from Nangal up to Ambala will be completed.

(c) Rs. 3.00 lakhs in 1974-75.

Per Capita availability of Consumption of Power

9400. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest *per capita* availability and consumption of power for the whole country and each one of the North Western States J. & K. Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, U.P. and the Union Territories of Delhi and Chandigarh; and

(b) whether there is any plan to ensure the increased availability of power in such States among these as are lagging behind?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The *per capita* consumption of electricity for all India during 1972-73 was 96.6 KWh.

The *per capita* consumption of electricity in the North-Western States during 1972-73 is as under:—

Jammu & Kashmir	. 39.7 kwh
Himachal Pradesh	. 43.5 kwh
Punjab	. 165.4 kwh
Haryana	. 121.3 kwh
Rajasthan	. 58.5 kwh
U.P.	. 64.5 kwh

Union Territories

Delhi	. . . 301 kwh
Chandigarh	. . . 317 kwh

Per capita availability of power depends on generating capacity plus possible import over interconnections and cannot precisely be given.

(b) It is proposed to augment the power generating capacity by 5289.5 MW in the Northern region during the Fifth Five Year Plan which will ensure availability of power in the States of the region, including in the States presently lagging behind.

Setting up of a Regional Grid for Generation and distribution of power in North Western Region

9401. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a regional grid for the generation and distribution of Hydro-electric power in the North Western region of the country; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. The Northern Regional Grid meets the needs of power transmission of the north-western area also.

(b) Does not arise.

Petrol pumps in Himachal Pradesh

9402. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps in Himachal Pradesh as on 31st March, 1974;