

Spilling over of Power Generation Schemes of Fourth Plan in Fifth Plan

3017. SHRI N. K. SANGHI:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the factors responsible for serious gap between power production and its demand is that 42 power generation schemes to be completed during Fourth Plan period had spilled over to the Fifth Plan period; and

(b) if so, the names of such projects and shortfall in each case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A statement showing the shortfall, project wise, is laid on the Table of the House.

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Conversion of A.I.R. into an Autonomous Corporation3018. SHRI P. VENKATASUB-
BAIAH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a persistent demand to make the All India Radio an autonomous Corporation;

(b) whether the demand has been considered afresh; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Demands to this effect have been made in some quarters from time to time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Multi-purpose Dam over River Kosi3019. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 188 on the 5th March, 1974 regarding Indo-Nepal talks on construction of Multi-purpose Dams and state:

(a) whether it is proposed to initiate talks with the Government of Nepal for constructing Multipurpose Dam over river Kosi near Barakshetra to end for ever the problem of silting in Kosi canals, ensure perennial irrigation, eradicate floods and generate abundant power; and

(b) if so, main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Technical Committee appointed by the Government of India to go into the question of siltation of the Eastern Kosi Canal has, in its report given in December, 1973, suggested that a high dam for silt storage in the upper reaches of the Kosi river may be investigated. For any such high dam, the life of the dam, the regime of the river between the dam and the Kosi barrage, and between the flood embankment upstream and downstream of the barrage would have to be carefully considered. This suggestion is under consideration of the State Government. The question of discussions with His Majesty's Government of Nepal shall arise after the State Government has taken a decision in the matter.

Production in Rameshwar Nagar Paper Mill

3020. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2078 on the