

(ख) से (घ). उपसब्ध सूचना के अनुसार राबी, गया, मधुबनी में बन्द का एक प्रकार से कोई प्रभाव नहीं था। कुछ अन्य स्थानों में इस का मिश्रित प्रभाव पड़ा। रोहतास और पटना जिलों में सड़क और रेल संचार व्यवस्था में हस्तक्षेप करने के प्रयत्नों के कुछ-मामलें ध्यान में आये हैं। पूर्वी रेलवे के आरा-मुगससराय क्षेत्र में बढमासो द्वारा टेलीफोन के तारों में गडबड़ करने के कारण एक सवारी रेलगाड़ी को लगभग एक घंटे के लिए रोक लिया गया था। सार्वजनिक सम्पत्ति को कोई अन्य क्षति ध्यान में नहीं आई है।

Restructuring of State Electricity Boards and Central Electricity Authority

9050. SHRI S. A. MURUGANATHAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration for restructuring the State Electricity Boards and Central Electricity Authority to ensure better management of existing units and planning and execution of new power projects; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Proposals for restructuring the Electricity Industry were considered and finalised by Government in 1974-75. These included:

- (i) reorganisation and strengthening of the Central Electricity Authority, with expanded functions;
- (ii) professionalisation and functionalisation of State Electricity Boards;
- (iii) creation of greater specialisation in the power sector by

separation of cadres of generation from distribution, or by setting of separate companies for generation;

- (iv) central companies for constructing and operating central generating projects;
- (v) expansion of training facilities and provision of certification and licencing for operators of thermal stations.

Necessary amendments to the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, and the rules are under consideration.

Population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

9051. SHRI JAGANNATHRAO JOSHI:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI R. V. BADE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise latest available estimates of population of each Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe; and

(b) changes that have taken place in these figures after the census of 1961 and 1971?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). The 1971 Census figures for individual Scheduled Castes/Tribes are still under compilation.

Steel Furniture Makers in Distress

9052. SHRI DHAMANKAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in the Economic Times dated the 15th April, 1975 under the caption "Steel furniture-makers in distress"; and