

also certain formulations based on it is under the consideration of the Government.

Laying off in Hind Motors

8175. SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production of Hind Motors during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the utilised capacity during this period;

(c) whether Hind Motors has started laying off about 3000 to 4000 workers per day with a view to retrench 5000 workers; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). The information is as under:

Installed capacity (nos. per annum)	Production in Nos.		
	1972	1973	1974
30,000	25,757	26,275	20,333

(c) and (d). M/s. Hindustan Motors have laid off some workers on a rotational basis in order that losses during the period of production slump could be contained. Steps are being taken to increase production which alone can pre-empt eventual retrenchment.

Electrification of villages in West Bengal during Fifth Plan

8176. SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 24 per cent villages of West Bengal have been electrified;

(b) if so, the district-wise number of villages electrified so far in comparison to 1967 and 1971; and

(c) the main features of the programme undertaken to electrify the villages in West Bengal during the Fifth Plan period, particularly in 1975-76?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Out of 38,454 villages in West Bengal, 9,341 (24.3 per cent) had been electrified as on 31st January, 1975.

(b) The district-wise number of villages electrified as on 31st March, 1969, 31st March 1971 and 31st March, 1974 is given in the statement. The details for the period ended 31st March, 1967 are not available.

(c) The size and content of the Fifth Plan have not yet been finalised. In the draft Fifth Plan Rs. 43 crores have been provided for rural electrification in West Bengal. The details of the funds provided and the targets to be achieved are:—

Funds provided (Rs. crores)

Normal Development Plan	Minimum Needs Programme	Total
16	27	43

Targets to be achieved

Normal Development Plan	Minimum Needs Programme	Total
2,860	3,800	6,660

Besides above the State would be provided with loan assistance by the Rural Electrification Corporation Limited depending upon the number of schemes sponsored and approved by the Corporation in accordance with the norms and guidelines prescribed by it.