

hydro power projects have been carried in respect of 3 important rivers in Tripura viz; the Gumti, Khowai and Manu. The reconnaissance survey of numerous streams in Tripura was also carried out for development of small hydro-electric schemes. Only the Gumti Hydel Project has so far been found economically and technically feasible.

(c) A detailed project report has been prepared in respect of Gumti Hydro-electric Project which has been sanctioned for implementation. In respect of this project, work has been started; the project colony has been set up, the approach road is nearing completion and the Forebay Power Channel Works have also been started. Action for procurement of machinery has been taken. This project is expected to be completed during the Fourth Plan.

(d) and (e). The Fourth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

PER CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF POWER IN TRIPURA

2715. SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present per capita availability of power in the Union territory of Tripura and how it compares with the per capita availability of power in the country and in each of the States/territories;

(b) the schemes for increasing the power production capacity for the State of Tripura for the current year and for the Fourth Five Year Plan and the financial allocations required therefor; and

(c) how the per capita availability of power in Tripura will compare with the corresponding all India figure and the State/territory-wise figures at the end of the current year and at the end of the Fourth Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (c). A statement containing the requisite information for the year 1967-68 is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1615/68]. As the Fourth Five Year Plan has not been finalised, it is not possible to give an indication of the per capita availability of power at the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

(b) A Statement Containing the required information in respect of 1968-69 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1615/68]. It is not possible to indicate the position for the Fourth Five Year Plan as it is in the process of finalisation.

MAJOR AND MEDIUM IRRIGATION SCHEMES OF ORISSA

2716. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the name and location of Major and Medium Irrigation Schemes in Orissa which will irrigate one lakh acres in 1968-69?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): The area under irrigation in Orissa at the end of 1968-69 by Major and Medium irrigation projects will be about 19 lakh acres. The schemewise details are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1616/68]. The Hirakud Dam Project and the Mahanadi Delta Irrigation Project will each irrigate more than 1 lakh acres during 1968-69.

SIGNATURE OF RESERVE BANK GOVERNOR ON CURRENCY NOTES IN HINDI

2717. SHRI E. K. NAYANAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision that signature of the Governor of the Reserve Bank on ten-rupee notes should be in Hindi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DEASI): (a) and (b). A new series of Bank Notes of the denomination of Rupees ten are being issued and the colour scheme and design of the notes is such as to enable the public to distinguish the ten rupee denomination easily from all other denominations. Opportunity has also been taken to have both Hindi and English renderings on the note, including the signature of the Governor, Reserve Bank of India.