

Corporation is in excess of their demand for construction of dams and reservoirs;

(b) if so, the total excess land still with the Damodar Valley Corporation; and

(c) to whom it belongs and whether this will be released back to the State Government for distribution to cultivators?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):

(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

चांदी का मूल्य

4828. श्री डा० ना० तिवारी : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछले दो-तीन महीनों में चांदी का मूल्य बढ़ गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री शशीन्द्र चौबरी) :

(क) जनवरी 1966 में चांदी के मूल्य में तेजी से वृद्धि हुई थी। दिसम्बर में चांदी का औसत मूल्य, जो दिसम्बर 1965 के प्रतिम सप्ताह में 319.17 रुपया प्रति किलोग्राम था, 28 जनवरी, 1966 को समाप्त हुए सप्ताह में, बढ़कर 351.00 रुपया किलोग्राम हो गया अर्थात् उसमें 10 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हो गयी। 2 फरवरी, 1966 को चांदी का मूल्य 405.00 रुपया किलोग्राम तक पहुंच गया, जो अब तक का अधिकतम मूल्य है। लेकिन, ग्राम तौर पर, तबसे चांदी का भाव नीचे ही की ओर रहा है। 26 अप्रैल, 1966

को चांदी का बाजार बन्द होते समय का भाव 361.00 रुपया प्रति किलोग्राम था।

(ख) चांदी के भाव पर मौसमी बातों और मटेबाजी का बहुत जल्दी असर पड़ता है। हाल ही में चांदी के मूल्यों में जो घटबढ़ हुई है वह मुख्यतः व्यापारियों के अनुमानों का परिणाम है।

Hostels for Scheduled Castes in U.P.

4829. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of **Planning and Social Welfare** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels opened for the Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh during 1965-66;

(b) the number of hostels proposed to be opened in 1966-67 in the State; and

(c) the amount sanctioned by Government for the construction of such hostels in the State during the above period?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Nil.

(b) Three hostels for Scheduled Castes girls students.

(c) A provision of Rs. 2.25 lakhs has been made for this scheme during 1966-67.

Bharat Sewak Samaj

4830. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of **Planning and Social Welfare** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant was sanctioned by Government to the Bharat Sewak Samaj during 1965-66;

(b) if so, the total amount given so far during the above period; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned for the Bharat Sewak Samaj, Uttar Pradesh Branch during the same period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri L. N. Mishra):

(a) to (c). Information is being

collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Exchange to Students going Abroad

4831. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students who were given foreign exchange for study abroad during 1965-66; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange given to them during the above period?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):

(a) Fresh permits issued during 1965—2,897.

(b) Fresh permits 1965—Rs. 2,18,43,576.

Fresh permits issued during 1st quarter of 1966—263.

Renewal permits for students already abroad issued during 1965—3,222.

Renewal permits for students already abroad issued during 1st quarter of 1966—638.

Fresh permits 1st quarter 1966—Rs. 17,60,097.

Renewals 1965—Rs. 1,95,96,069.

Renewals 1st quarter 1966—36,24,737.

Thermal Power Stations

4832. Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to construct a number of thermal power stations at coal pit heads during the Fourth Plan period; and

(b) if so, their capacity of power production?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):

(a) Yes.

(b): The name of the stations and their capacities are given below:—

Name of the Station	Existing capacity	Capacity under construction	Additional capacity sanctioned/proposed to be sanctioned
	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)
1. Ramgaundam	37.5	62.5	..
2. Kothagudem	..	240	180
3. Chandrapura	280	140	240
4. Pathratu	..	400	400
5. Korba	100	200	110
6. Satpura	..	312	..
7. Nevveli	300	100	200
8. Nagpur	400
9. Talcher	..	250	..
10. Singrauli	..	250	300
11. Santaldih	480
12. Durgapur (West Bengal)	210	75	150
13. Durgapur (DVC)	150	140	..
TOTAL:	1077.5	2169.5	2550

Rural Electrification in Orissa

4833. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1723 on the 2nd December, 1965 and state:

(a) the amount actually paid to Orissa Government for rural electrification in the State during 1965-66; and

(b) the number of villages actually electrified in that State during the above period?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) Rs. 49.92 lakhs.

(b) 119 villages have been electrified during 1965-66.