

(a) the year-wise increase in the Power generation capacity of each of the power station in Bihar during last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the Power generation capacity of these Power stations in the state; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The increase in power generation capacity in Bihar during the last three years is given below .

Name of Station	Existing capacity as on 31-3-95 (MW)	Additions during (MW)		
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1. Eastern Gandak Canal HE	5	-	5	5
2. Sone Eastern Canal HE	-	3.3	-	-
3. Tenughat TPS	210	-	-	-
Central Sector				
1. Kahalgaon STPS	630	210	-	-

(b) and (c) Addition to capacity of the Tenughat TPS is under the consideration of the Government and Eastern Gandak Canel HE.

Norms for setting up of Technical Courses

2381. SHRI H.P. SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the norms prescribed by the Government to set up/ introduce technical and non-technical education courses/ centres;

(b) whether no technical and vocational education centre has been set up in Bhojpur district in the Central Bihar; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) As per the regulations framed under the AICTE Act, 1987, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) considers granting approval to new courses and institutes in technical education after taking into account financial viability, manpower requirement of the region, technical competence, etc. of the applicant/society/ trust.

(b) and (c) As of now, there is no technical institute at Degree/Diploma level in Bhojpur District in Central Bihar. During 1996-97, one agency in Bhojpur was provided financial assistance for running innovative programmes in the field of vocational education.

Non-formal Education Centres

2382. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of non-formal education centres functioning in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the year-wise amount spent thereon and the number of persons made literate through such centres during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding, mal-functioning of these centres;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government would make an assessment as to what extent the amount spent on this scheme has been utilised; and

(e) whether this scheme is worth continuing?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Non-Formal Education (NFE), this Ministry has sanctioned 37,340 centres for Madhya Pradesh. The year-wise grants released during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	2453.67
1996-97	2819.28
1997-98	2554.21

The curriculum of the NFE programme is based on Minimum levels of Learning, as such, the successful learners are treated at par with their counterparts in formal education.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh as well as District Collectors have furnished/are furnishing fresh reports with regard to such complaints. The utilisation of amount spent on the Scheme is assessed/monitored through Quarterly Progress Reports and Annual Progress Reports.

(e) Yes, Sir.

[English]

Rural Libraries

2383. SHRI B.M. MENSINKAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the guidelines regarding the construction of Rural Libraries, and

(b) the details of the fund allotted for Rural Libraries during 1998-99 in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) There is no scheme