

Programme Management Board were replaced by National Superconductivity Science & Technology Board - 'NSTB'. NSTB promoted 72 projects. Since 1997-98, the superconductivity programmes are being promoted under the ongoing programmes of the Department of Science & Technology. Some of the major achievements of the projects have been creation of capable R&D manpower and related R&D infrastructure base. Nearly, 2000 research papers and technical presentations have been made by the Indian researchers in various national and international journals. Seven patents have also been filed.

Telephone System

1788. DR. ULHAS VASUDEO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the telephone system in Jalgaon district in Maharashtra is paralysed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government for improvement of telephone system in the district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Sir, the Telephone system in Jalgaon district in Maharashtra is working satisfactorily. However, the old type strowger exchange is not capable of giving services as efficiently as provided by modern exchanges.

(c) The following steps are being taken to further improve the telephone system.

1. Old technology strowger exchange is planned to be replaced by new technology exchange during the current financial year.

2. Replacing old and worn out lines and equipment of external plant.

3. Replacing fault prone cables by jelly filled cables.

4. Introduction of modern tools & techniques.

5. Computerisation of fault repair services.

Shortage of Power in U.P.

1789. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is shortage of power in many districts particularly in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up more power plants to increase the power generation in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) The power supply position in U.P. (including rural areas) during 1997-98 and April, 1998 is given below:—

(Figures in MU net)

	1997-98	April, 98
Requirement	41157	3560
Availability	36105	3271
Shortage	5052	289
%	12.3	8.1

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The details of power projects planned/under execution in U.P. alongwith their status is given below :—

Name of project	Capacity (MW)	Expected to be commissioned by
1	2	3
Uttar Pradesh		
1. Feroz Gandhi Unchahar TPP Stage-II (Distt. Rai Bareilly)		
Unit-3	210	Jan., 2000
Unit-4	210	July, 2000
2. Rosa TPP (Distt. Shahjahanpur)		
Unit-1	283.5	*
Unit-2	283.5	*
3. Tehri Stage-I	4x150	2001-02

1	2	3
4.	Dhauliganga-I	4x70 2004-05
5.	Sobla	2x3 1998-99
6.	Lakhwarvayasi	3x100+2x6 Beyond 9th Plan
7.	Manari Bhali-II	4x76 9th Plan
8.	Sinnagar	5x66 Beyond 9th Plan
9.	Vishnu Prayag	4x100 Beyond 9th Plan
10.	Rajghat	3x15 1998-99

*Yet to be finalised.

Power from Eastern Grid for A.P.

1790. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have agreed to provide 500 MW of power from the Eastern Grid for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government would also extend support by ensuring evacuation of power from the North East at reasonable rates;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Andhra Pradesh has sought setting up of a Mega Power Project (upwards of 2,000 MWs) in Krishnapatnam; and

(e) the extent to which Union Government have agreed to help and to provide sufficient power to meet the requirements of the Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Andhra Pradesh has been allocated 150 MW out of unallocated quota from NTPC stations in Eastern Region and availing this assistance on 220 KV Balimela-Upper Sileru line. 500 MW power could be supplied from Eastern Region to Andhra Pradesh on completion of 400 KV Jeypore-Gazuwaka D/C line with HVDC back to back terminal at Gazuwaka scheduled to be commissioned by March, 1999 and completion of some 400 KV lines in Southern Region and APSEB installing about 1300 MVAR shunt capacitors in their system. However, on commissioning of 400 KV Jeypore-

Gazuwaka D/C line without HVDC terminal, which is expected by June/July, 1998, total upto 320 MW power could flow from Eastern Region to Andhra Pradesh including the present supply of 150 MW provided APSEB completes the identified transmission and distribution lines in their system.

(b) and (c) At present there is no proposal for export of power from North-Eastern Region to Andhra Pradesh as the existing transmission system does not permit supply of power from North-Eastern Region to Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Yes, Sir. Government of Andhra Pradesh showed interest in setting up a show case project in Krishnapatnam (1500 MW) based on imported coal. They have also agreed to provide all assistance for development of this project.

(e) Andhra Pradesh has already been allocated 22.5% power from the unallocated quota in Central Sector stations in Southern Region and 150 MW from NTPC stations in Eastern Region. In addition, Andhra Pradesh is also being provided assistance of around 300 MW power from Western Region during off-peak hours. Also a new power plant at Simadhri of total capacity 1000 MW is being set up by NTPC in Andhra Pradesh and likely to be commissioned in 2001-02.

Kendriya Vidyalayas In Kerala

1791. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas opened in Kerala during the last three years, year-wise and location-wise;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to close some of the schools started in the early eighties; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Three Kendriya Vidyalayas have been opened in Kerala during the last three years as per details given below:—

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| 1. Kozhikode No. II | — | 1995-96 |
| 2. AFS Trivandrum | — | 1995-96 |
| 3. Vythiri, Kalpetta | — | 1997-98 |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.