

Clearance to Proposals of Andhra Pradesh for Power Generation

5679. SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have sent proposals for a number of new scheme for clearance by the Union Government for power generation ;

(b) the number of schemes cleared by Government ; and

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the remaining schemes proposed by Government of Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c) The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board have submitted 13 new generation schemes for clearance (upto March, 1986). Out of these, 6 micro hydel schemes have been accorded techno-economic clearance and awaiting investment approval of the Planning Commission, 5 schemes are under appraisal in the Central Electricity Authority and 2 schemes have been returned to the State Authorities for preparation of revised scheme reports. In addition, another 7 mini/micro hydel schemes are awaiting Investment Approval of the Planning Commission.

Criteria for Opening of New Telegraph Offices Offices During Seventh Plan Period

5680. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telegraph offices openend in the country during the period of Sixth Five Year Plan State-wise ;

(b) the criteria adopted for opening new telegraph offices in the country ;

(c) what special measures are being taken to open telegraph offices in the adivasi areas of the country and particularly in the District of Baroda ;

(d) the steps being taken for quicker service for the delivery of telegrams which takes some time more than the ordinary post ; and

(e) the Government's proposal to open new telegraph offices during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 10,787 Telegraph Offices (Combined offices) had been opened during the Sixth Plan period, State-wise (Circle wise) number is given in the statement given below.

(b) Long Distance Public Telephones Telegraph offices (Combined Offices) in the rural areas are opened at category stations and under spatial distribution Policy, which is placed at the statement given below.

(c) As per policy norms for Tribal area are lower than the normal rural areas. Moreover, while considering the population criteria a group of villages within a radius of 10 Kms. can be combined in tribal areas.

(d) The steps taken for quicker service for delivery of telegrams include.

(i) Continuous coordinated efforts to improve circuit availability by provision of stable transmission media ;

(ii) Provision of stand-by power arrangements in a phased manner at all CTOs and DTOs to combat power failures.

(iii) Modernisation of Telegraph network by inducting new technological methods such as the Store and Forward Telegraph System to eliminate delays caused due to multimanual transit operations.

(e) 9000 LDPTs/Combined Offices are proposed to be opened during the 7th Five Year Plan,