

(b) No claims have been filed so far in respect of train accidents that occurred during January and February, 1985. As for 1984, only 23 accident compensation claims pertaining to the months of January and February, 1984 are pending. No claim is pending in respect of accidents during January and February, 1983.

[English]

**Steps to Meet Country-Wide Power Crisis**

\*34. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA :  
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) in view of the severe power crisis in the country, whether Government propose to clear all power projects pending with them ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when these are likely to be approved ;

(c) whether Government are considering to clear the West Bengal Government's proposal to set up a power project at Bakreshwar in the district of Birbhum in West Bengal ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). Such Power Projects as are techno-economically viable are cleared and approved, depending on the availability of resources. To meet the shortages of power, projects of an aggregate capacity of over 36,000 MW have been sanctioned and are in various stages of implementation.

(c) to (e). The proposal can be considered for technoeconomic appraisal only after availability of essential inputs, including coal and water, is established.

**State Government's Direct Collaboration with Foreign Governments For Power Project**

\*35. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a State Government can directly enter into a foreign collaboration for power projects ;

(b) whether Government of Kerala has entered into an agreement with a foreign country for the construction of a hydro-electric project in the State ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) whether any of the plans for the project has been cleared by the Government of India in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. (c) and (d). Do not arise.

**Shut Down of DVC Power System**

\*36. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 150-minutes total shut-down of the DVC power system brought to a halt all the activities of the Steel Plants and coal mines and also affected the Railways throughout West Bengal on the 14th February, 1985 ;

(b) if so, whether any Committee had been set up to enquire into the total failure of DVC power system ;

(c) if so, the findings of this Committee ; and

(d) the steps being taken to prevent failure of the DVC power system in future ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKA-