

**Rural Electrification Programme in
Uttar Pradesh**

*566. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given as loan/grant for rural electrification to Uttar Pradesh during 1987-88 and the amount for which proposals were sent by the State Government for that year; and

(b) the amount proposed to be incurred on rural electrification programme in the State during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) During 1987-88, rural electrification schemes involving a total loan amount of Rs. 159 crores were received by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) from the U.P. State Electricity Board. All these schemes were approved by the REC. A loan amount of Rs. 62.16 crores (provisional) was disbursed to U.P.S.E.B. by the REC in 1987-88 as against a progress of Rs. 60.17 crores.

(b) For 1988-89 an outlay of Rs. 62.57 crores for rural electrification programme in U.P. has been recommended by the Working Group under the Planning Commission.

[English]

**'Demands Day' By Engineers of
Telecommunications Engineering
Services Association.**

*570. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Junior Engineers, Assistant Engi-

neers and Divisional Engineers of the Telecommunications Engineering Services Association observed a "Demands Day" on 10 March, 1988;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Details of demands

1. Removal of anomaly in the pay scale of TES Group 'B'.

2. Improving promotion prospects of JTOs and AEs.

3. Time Bound promotion for JTOs/AEs/DEs.

Reaction of the Government

The matter has been examined. The existing position is comparable to that of similar services in other Departments of Government of India.

[Translation]

Power Projects in Bihar

*571. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether power crisis is likely to aggravate further during the coming summer months, and

(b) if so, the number and names of the power projects in Bihar for which loan has been given on priority basis for their mod-