

*[Translation]*

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no doubt about the fact that our Government in general and the Ministry of Industry in particular are making efforts to spread a network of industries in those backward areas where regional imbalance exists. But a survey conducted recently by experts reveals that despite Government's will, entrepreneurs are not setting up industries in the areas where it is necessary to have them. For example, industries are not being set up particularly in special backward areas, hill areas, desert areas, cyclonic areas tribal areas, and drought hit areas, where there is unemployment among the poor on a large scale. Will the hon. Minister assure the House that the block and not the district will be regarded as the unit to measure industrial backwardness of an area as per the report received? If so, when are you going to declare the backward block units as backward industrial areas so that the network of industries could be spread there?

*[English]*

MR. SPEAKER: Question hour is over.

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#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*[English]*

#### **T.V. Transmitter at Bhanjanagar, Orissa**

\*182. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of low power TV transmitter at Bhanjanagar in Orissa has started; if so, when it is going to be completed; and

(b) whether the B.Ed. College authorities at Bhanjanagar have agreed to spare their building for the installation of the TV transmitter there; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT.): (a) and (b). The KUSB College, Bhanjanagar has offered some space in the College building for housing the proposed transmitter. The transmitter equipment is scheduled to be received from the suppliers in the first quarter of 1989-90. The accommodation offered by the College authority will be utilized at the appropriate time on receipt of the equipment at the site. The transmitter is expected to be installed and commissioned into service by the middle of 1989.

*[Translation]*

#### **Shortage of Paper**

\*184. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether shortage of paper is apprehended in near future; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken by Government to prevent the shortage of paper?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

*[English]*

#### **Renovation and Modernisation of Hirakud Hydel Power Station**

\*185. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether phase-wise renovation and modernisation work of four of the six units of the Orissa's oldest hydel power station the Hirakud, has been initiated with the completion of the survey work of the units numbers one, two, five and six; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b). The Hirakud Hydel Power Station of the Orissa State Electricity Board has been identified for renovation and up-rating. The work can be undertaken after the State authorities have formulated a detailed project report and necessary inputs and clearances have been tied up.

#### **Loss in Coal India Ltd.**

\*186. DR. B.L. SHAILESH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of the heavy financial loss, the Coal India Ltd. has drawn up a broad strategy to augment the productivity of both underground and open cast mines to achieve the targeted 192 million tonnes in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the separate targets fixed for underground and open cast mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIFF): (a) and (b). The imperative need to improve the productivity of underground and opencast mines has been recognised and steps have already been taken in Coal India Limited to achieve this objective. While the productivity in opencast mines has recorded an improvement in the last three years, the productivity in underground

mines has not recorded such improvement. Special efforts are now contemplated by Coal India Limited to arrest this trend and to improve the productivity in underground mines substantially in the current year alongwith comensurate improvement in opencast mines. The targetted improvement in productivity is planned to be achieved through more effective redeployment of manpower, improved utilisation of the equipment and more efficient utilisation of inputs like power, stores etc.

#### **Electrification of Villages in Bihar**

\*187. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Bihar during the last three years; and

(b) the number of villages which are expected to be electrified in the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) During the last three years 7641 villages have been electrified in Bihar.

(b) The Planning Commission has fixed a target of electrification of 3342 villages in Bihar during 1988-89. The programme for 1989-90 will be finalised after the Annual Plan discussions between the State representatives and the Planning Commission.

#### **Clearance to Power Projects in Maharashtra**

188. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for nine power projects submitted by Maharashtra Gov-