

This shortage has been due mainly to delays in commissioning of new projects and sub-optimal performance of existing thermal power stations.

In the short-term measures, focus is on improvement of performance of thermal power stations through:—

(i) Constitution of teams of technical experts to prepare and implement time-bound renovation and betterment programmes for major power stations; and

(ii) improvement in the quantity and quality of coal supplied to power stations.

The long-term measures including:—

(i) Planned addition of new generating capacity of 19,666 MW during the Sixth Plan period and of new generating capacity to meet the requirements beyond 1985;

(ii) improvement in systems of project management and construction monitoring at both Central and State levels;

(iii) strengthening the arrangements for training of technical personnel at all levels; and

(iv) development of regional/national grids in order to facilitate flow of power from surplus to deficit areas.

Trends revealed by Elections

*28. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the most striking trend about elections is that while the total electorate has gone up in most of the constituencies (Lok Sabha and Assemblies) compared to the last elections (in 1977, 1978 and 1980) the total votes polled is less than in the previous elections;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any study in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the votes polled in the recent by-election to Lok Sabha as well as in Assemblies?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (c). A comparative statement showing the number of electors, votes polled and percentage of voting in the bye-elections to Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies with election held in 1977, 1978 and 1980 is placed on the Table of the House. No study in this regard has been conducted by Government.

Statement

Comparative Statement showing the number of electors, votes polled and percentage of voting in the bye-election to Lok Sabha and State Assemblies with election held in 1977, 1978 & 1980.

Sl.No.	Name of Constituency/State	1977			1978		
		No. of Electors	Votes polled	Percentage	No. of Electors	Votes polled	Percentage
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LOK SABHA							
1.	6-Cuttack (Orissa)	623,921	330,152	52.92	..	..	..
2.	12-Barcilly (U. P.)	563,569	299,752	53.19	..	..	..
3.	25-Amethi (U. P.)	623,256	302,826	48.59	..	..	..
4.	54-Mirzapur (U. P.)	627,411	321,471	51.24	..	..	..
5.	56-Allahabad (U. P.)	625,143	338,537	54.15	..	..	..
6.	26-Serampore (W. B.)	628,219	392,237	62.44	..	..	..
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES							
1.	1-Dhanaba (Bihar)	86,882	34,426	39.62	..	..	..
2.	43-Parsa (Bihar)	114,123	66,472	58.25	..	..	..
3.	203-Bhaktiarpur (Bihar)	112,936	76,559	67.79	..	..	..
4.	174-Dharwad Rural (Karnataka)	..	..	..	72,498	49,921	68.86
5.	38-Bilaspur (U. P.)	143,961	66,541	46.22	..	..	..

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
6.	40-Bisauli (U. P.)	116,840	57,780	49.45	..	..	..
7.	66-Sbaljahaupur (U. P.)	125,351	52,097	41.56	..	..	..
8.	318-Tindwari (U. P.)	112,995	62,922	55.69	..	..	..
9.	23-Darjeeling (West Bengal)	91,260	40,951	44.87	..	..	..
10.	37-Kumargaaj (West Bengal)	87,224	60,709	69.60	..	..	..
11.	41-Kharba (West Bengal)	81,841	55,848	68.24	..	..	..
12.	48-Sulzapur (West Bengal)	82,839	58,679	70.83	..	..	..
13.	108-Jadavpur (West Bengal)	100,947	85,952	55.43	..	..	..
14.	138-Dum Dum (West Bengal)	121,527	66,292	54.55	..	..	..
15.	159-Mancktoia (West Bengal)	106,411	55,869	52.50	..	..	..
16.	223-Midnapore (West Bengal)	95,944	53,321	55.58	..	..	..

	9	10	11	12	13	14
6.	128,836	70,571	54.78	128,807	54,279	42.14
7.	135,851	60,639	44.64	136,037	59,845	43.99
8.	129,818	55,262	42.57	130,409	70,879	54.35
9.	..	..	..	107,323	44,548	41.51
10.	..	..	..	115,309	83,010	71.99
11.	..	..	..	96,520	78,317	81.14
12.	..	..	..	91,159	70,011	76.80
13.	..	..	..	123,914	69,172	55.82
14.	..	..	..	135,899	77,534	57.05
15.	..	..	..	115,615	55,826	48.29
16.	..	..	..	110,525	69,626	63.00