

capacity of energy in the current financial year will fall short of the target ; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY):** (a) As against the target of 3212 MW capacity for the current financial year, we hope to achieve 2300 MW. The work with respect to the remaining 912 MW is at an advanced stage and is likely to be commissioned in the first six months of the next financial year.

(b) The reasons for slippage are delays in supply of equipment and completion of works by different agencies and constraints in the availability of inputs at the sites.

#### **Drilling in Godavari Basin**

**\*36. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the off-shore drilling in the Godavari Basin has commenced ;

(b) if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have sought any foreign assistance for taking up drilling in this area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A dynamically positioned drillship SEDCO-445 chartered by the ONGC recommenced drilling in Godavari off-shore on 31-1-1982. The well had reached a depth of 1500 metres as on 12-2-1982. The well is projected to a depth of 4000 metres.

(c) and (d). In view of the technical problems encountered earlier in drilling in this area and considering the sophistication of the rig being used, the ONGC has decided to obtain the consultancy of M/s. CEP of France for the drilling operation of this rig in this area.

#### **Import of Telephone Switching Equipment**

**\*37. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rs. 600 crores worth of telephone switching equipment will have to be imported during the current decade ;

(b) if so, the gap between the demand and supply ; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet this gap and save valuable foreign exchange ?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):** (a) The direct foreign exchange expenditure for import of telephone switching equipment during the 6th Plan period 1980-85 has been estimated at Rs. 257.29 crores. Assessment of such imports during the remaining period of the current decade will be made when 7th Plan is formulated and after considering requirements and availability of indigenous production based on the progress made in augmentation of manufacturing capacity.

(b) In formulating the current Plan, the requirement of supply of local telephone switching equipment during 1980-85 was estimated to be 23.66 lakh lines against indigenous availability of 10.18 lakh lines leaving a gap of 13.48 lakh lines. The requirement of 1986-1990 will depend on the size of the telecommunication

Plan approved for implementation during that period.

(c) Steps taken to increase indigenous production of telephone switching equipment are :

- (i) Expansion of the factory of Indian Telephone Industries, Rae Bareli for production of 2 lakh lines per annum of Indian Crossbar Switching System. This project has been sanctioned and is under construction.
- (ii) Expansion of the factory of Indian Telephone Industries, Palghat (Kerala) from 10,000 lines per annum to 1.5 lakh (equivalent) line per annum. Tender offers received for this project are under evaluation.
- (iii) Setting up of two large Electronic System Factories with a capacity of 500,000 lines each per annum. Tenders have been invited for the setting up of the first factory.

### Hydro-Electric Projects under Construction

\*38. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHRA ; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to lay a statement showing :

(a) how many Hydro-electric Projects are under construction in the country ;

(b) names of the places where these are under construction, showing anticipated date of commissioning ; and

(c) to what extent Government have achieved success in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

(a) to (c). The names of various Hydro-electric Projects under execution in the country, the States in which these are located, the expected date of their commissioning and the present status of works on these is annexed.

#### Annexure

#### *On-Going Hydro Electric Projects*

S. No.	Project	Date of commissioning as now envisaged of Ist Unit/Last Unit	Present status of work
1	2	3	4
<i>Northern Region</i>			
<i>Haryana :</i>			
1.	Western Yamuna Canal (6x8 MW)	84-85	Civil works in progress.
<i>Himachal Pradesh :</i>			
2.	Binwa (2x3 MW)	83-84	do