

Government claiming for a share in the power generated at Neyveli, a centrally sponsored project in Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. being already committed to supply the entire surplus power available with it to Tamil Nadu, the question of a share in the power at Neyveli to the neighbouring States does not arise.

Installed Capacity of Paper Mills

***1409. SHRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of paper mills that are manufacturing printing and writing papers ;

(b) the number of such mills manufacturing paper boards and posters ;

(c) the total installed capacity in both categories ; and

(d) the target fixed in the Fourth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) to (d). At present there are 36 paper mills manufacturing printing and writing papers. Those manufacturing paper boards are 22 and those manufacturing posters in addition to writing and printing papers are 13. The total capacity for all types of paper and paper boards is 7.98 lakh tonnes per annum. The capacities of these mills separately in respect of paper boards and posters have not been assessed. The Fourth Five Years Plan target for all types of paper is 11.3 lakh tonnes per annum.

Damage caused in Rajasthan due to Rains

***1410. SHRI N. K. SHARMA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether enormous damage has been done and thousands of people rendered homeless due to heavy and unprecedented rains in Rajasthan ;

(b) if so, estimated loss to men and material ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) and (b). Heavy rains in the districts of Tonk, Ajmer, Jaipur, Nagour, Sowai Madhopur, Kotah, Jhalawar and surrounding areas caused breaches in irrigation tanks and flooding damage to irrigation works and affected a number of villages and families. The damage is being assessed by the State Government. According to the preliminary assessment 61 tanks were breached and 119 irrigation works were damaged 37 villages and 890 families were affected. The damage to houses is about Rs. 12 lakhs. The cost of restoration of irrigation works has been estimated as Rs. 137 lakhs. There was no loss of human life.

(c) The State Government have taken in hand closing of the breaches and restoration of irrigation works. The State Government have also taken measures for providing relief to the affected people.

Investigation into murder of 8 youngmen at Barasat (West Bengal)

***1420. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to find out the culprits of the murder of eight youngmen at Barasat, West Bengal ; and

(b) what is the progress made in the investigation of those murders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). According to the information received from the Government of West Bengal, the investigation of the criminal cases arising out of these murders is still in progress.