(b) if so, what is the present strength of Oriyas in Defence Services and the date of implementation of Orissa Regiment?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The present strength of Oriyas in the Defence Services is as follows:

Army

Officers, JCOs and ORs . . 11238

Air Force

Officers and Airmen . 2120

Navy

Officers and Seamen . 469

हरिजन बस्तियों का विद्युतीकरण

- *49 श्री रामलाल राही: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:
- (क) क्या भूतपूर्व सरकार द्वारा ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण योजना के ग्रन्तर्गत बनाई गई हरिजन बस्तियों के विद्युतीकरण की योजना समाप्त कर दी गई है ;
- (ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में वर्तमान सरकार की क्या नीति हैं ;
- (ग) दिनांक 25 मार्च, 1977 के पश्चात् राज्यवार कितनी हरिजन बस्तियों को प्रकाश के लिये मुक्त बिजली दी गई है; और
- (श) भूतपूर्व सरकार ने ग्रामीण ग्रीर नगरीय क्षेत्रों में कुल कितनी हरिजन बस्तियों में बिजली लगाई ग्रीर क्या यह भी सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा कि उनमें प्रकाश के लिये ग्रब भी बिजली उपलब्ध की जाये?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री पी० रामचन्द्रन): (क) 1971 में यह निर्णय किया गया था कि जिन गांवों को प्रकाश हेतु बिजली दीजा चुकी हैं उनमें हरिजनों तथा अन्य पिछड़ी जातियों की बस्तियों में सड़कों पर प्रकाश व्यवस्था का विस्तार किया जाए । इस प्रयोजन के लिए चौथी योजना में 4.5 करोड़ रुपए की धनराशि का प्रावधान किया गया था ।

पांचवीं पंचवषीय योजना में यह विशेष स्कीम बंद करदीं गयी थी।

- (ख) अत्यन्त पिछड़े क्षेत्रों तथा समाज के कमजोर वर्गों के लिए ग्राम विद्युती-करण को सुविधा प्रदान करने संबंधी सरकारी नीति के अनुसरण में, ग्राम विद्युतीकरण निगम तथा राज्य बिजली बोर्डों को सलाह दी गयी है कि मुख्य गांवों के लिए सड़कों पर प्रकाश व्यवस्था संबंधी सभी स्कीमों में वे हरिजन बस्तियों की सड़कों पर प्रकाश-व्यवस्था के लिए भी प्रावधान करें।
- (ग) सूचना विवरणों में दी गई है सभा पटल पर रखें गये हैं [ग्रन्थालय में रखीं गयीं । देखिये संख्या एस० टी-1060/77] हरिजन बस्तियों के विद्युती-करण की पूंजीगत लागत इस समय राज्य बिजली बोर्डों द्वारा बहन की जाती है।
- (घ) सूचना संलग्न विवरणों में दी गई है । हरिजन बस्तियों के विद्युती-करण के लिए बिजली देने के लिए वर्तमान सरकार बचनबद्ध है ।

Visit of Ministers abroad

*50. SHRI D. C. GAWAI: PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of Ministers of the Central Government who visited foreign countries during April—October, 1977 along with the names of the countries and period for which each country was visited by each Minister;
- (b) the specific purpose served by such visits to foreign countries; and

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(c) the total expenditure incurred by Government on the foreign visits of each Minister, the foreign exchange sanctioned to each and the particulars of foreign goods brought by each of them?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c). A statenent containing the requisite information placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1061/ 77].

Expansion Scheme of Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation

*51. SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether sanction has been accorded to the Rs. 100 crore expansion scheme of the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY RAMACHANDRAN): (SHRI Ρ. The proposal of the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation for establishing a 240 M.W. Thermal Power Station at Titagarh has been accorded techno-economic approval by the Central Electricity Authority. Details of the financing plan for the project are awaited.

Combat Aircraft

- *52. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the combat aircraft with the Indian Air Force has become obsolete; and
- (b) if so, steps being taken by Government to equip the I.A.F. with the most modern fighting aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). The combat aircraft with the IAF have not become obsolete. However, as the aircraft become old they are replaced by modern ones in keeping with our equipment needs and the policy of modernisation of equipment.

Shortage of Energy

*54. SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM: SHRI K. A. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have worked out any plan to deal with the shortage of energy in the country; and
 - (b) if so, the main features of the plan?

- THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b) The Government have taken several steps to deal with the shortage of electrical energy in the country. In the short term, efforts are being concentrated on.
 - -maximising generation from existing power plants, by improving their availability and performance
 - -training of operation and maintenance staff of power stations to secure better operation and maintenance of power generation facilities
 - -reducing transmission and distribution
 - -transfer of power from surplus to deficit areas
 - -distribution of power following a system of national priorities and discouraging wasteful and ostentatious consump-
- -expediting commissioning of new generating units
 - -ensuring early stabilisation of newly commissioned generating units.

The main thrust of the long-term measures is to accelerate power development, strengthen inter-system and inter-regional ties, establishment of load-despatch facilities and ensure adequate power supply within a time-frame of five to seven years. Power generation schemes to derive benefits during the next 10 years have been identified and they are gradually being processed for investment decisions keeping in view the demand for power and the phasing of benefits required from them. Establishment of power generation and bulk-transmission facilities has been taken up in the Central Sector to supplement the efforts in the State sector and public sector corporations have been set up under the Central Government to construct and operate Regional Thermal and Hydro-Electric Power Stations and bulk transmission facilities.

मध्य प्रदेश के रीवां जिले मैं सीमेंट एवं एल्युमिनियम कारखाने स्थापित करना

- *55. श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्रीः क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि
- (क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के एक पिछड़े जिले, रीवां में सीमेंट का कारखाना