

State	Scheme	Capacity (MW)	Date of receipt of DPR in CEA	Status
U.P.	Jawaharpur TPP (M/s Jawaharpur Power India Pvt. Ltd., Private Sector)	2x400=800	26.12.1996	IPC issued on 16.8.95 - Pending inputs/clearances: (i) Water availability. (CWC, CGWB). (ii) Land availability. (iii) State Government recommendation on DPR/Cost.
U.P.	Maneri Bhali Stage-II HEP (State Sector)	4x76=304	August, 1998	Considered by SPAC on 5.11.99 & recommended for TEC.

Scam in rural development plans in Assam

2250. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of annual assistance given by the Centre to Assam Government for its rural development programmes;

(b) whether it is a fact that scam has been discovered recently in the rural development plans, involving over a hundred crores of rupees;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA):

(a) The Central assistance provided to Assam for implementation of programmes of rural development and poverty alleviation in the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 was Rupees 234.62 crores and Rupees 424.94 crores respectively.

(b) to (d) Government is not aware of any scam in the implementation of these programmes in Assam.

Agricultural production for rural development

†2251. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth rate of agricultural production in the country needs to be increased for rural development;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made an estimate of annual growth rate in development of agricultural sector during the current decade; and

(d) if so, the rate thereof and the annual growth rate of development in industrial and service sectors?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA):

(a) to (d) The Ninth Five Year Plan has given priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Agriculture provides the livelihood to the largest number of our people and robust growth in this sector in the best guarantee of achieving a broad based growth of income levels and employment especially in rural areas. The agricultural sector has historically played an extremely important role in providing employment in India, and is likely to continue to do so at least for the next decade or more. Given the objectives of removal of the incidence of poverty and unemployment and of ensuring food and nutritional security, attaining a high growth rate in agriculture in the Ninth Plan and beyond is necessary. In order to achieve these objectives, the value of agricultural output is targeted to increase at annual rate of 4.5 percent in the Ninth Plan. The annual growth rate of agriculture, industry and services sector during the current decade are given below:

Year	Agriculture	Industry	Services	Total
Old Series: Base 1980-81=100				
1989-90	1.7	10.3	8.9	6.9
1990-91	3.8	7.2	5.2	5.4
1991-92	-2.3	-1.3	4.9	0.8
1992-93	6.1	4.2	5.4	5.3
1993-94	3.7	6.6	7.7	6.2
New Series: based 1993-94=100				
1994-95	5.4	9.3	8.5	7.8
1995-96	0.2	12.2	9.8	7.6
1996-97	9.4	6.0	8.0	7.8
1997-98	-1.0	5.9	8.2	5.0
1998-99	7.6	4.1	6.2	6.0

Note: Agriculture = Agriculture, Forestry & Logging and Fishing.

Industry includes Mining & Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity Gas & Water Supply and Construction.

Services includes Trade, Hotels, Financing, Insurance and Community, Social and Personal Services.