

**Statement**

*During the year 1983-84, following works were executed at Salal Hydro-electric Project :*

1. Concrete Dam . . . . . 351.88 TM<sup>3</sup> of concreting was done.
2. Rock fill Dam . . . . . 1980.33 TM<sup>3</sup> of placement achieved.
3. Power House . . . . . 70.6 TM<sup>3</sup> of excavation and 21.82 TM<sup>3</sup> of concreting done. Unit concreting for Unit I & II completed and the erection of scroll casing for these two units was taken up. Service bay floor completed and raising columns in the service bay progressed.
4. Pen Stock . . . . . 31.53 TM<sup>3</sup> of concreting and 65.60 TM<sup>3</sup> of excavation was completed. Fabrication of steel ferrules was satisfactory.
5. Tail Race Channel . . . . . 333 M of heading 162 M of benching and 379.8 M of concrete lining completed.
6. Drainage Gallery . . . . . By the end of March 1984, 53.4% of tunnelling of Drainage Gallery completed.
7. Plunge Pool . . . . . 180 TM<sup>3</sup> of excavation was done and concreting and shotcreting activities taken up.
8. River Connection Works . . . . . The River Connection Works was awarded in July 1983 to a Contractor and the work is progressing satisfactory.

**O.N.G.C.'s Programme under Seventh Five Year Plan**

74. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's oil exploration and production programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) how Government propose to raise the necessary resources for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) The details regarding the exploration and production programme of ONGC and the resources for funding the same would be available only after the Seventh Five Year plan is finalised.

**Conversion of AIR and Doordarshan into Corporation**

75. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally rejected the proposal to convert All India Radio and Doordarshan into an autonomous Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both the media enjoy freedom and functional autonomy in all professional aspects. Further, the Media's main objective is to serve the people and for this purpose, it is not