

Additional Power Capacity

898. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the overall achievement in the generation of additional power Capacity at the end of Sixth Five Year Plan period as against the target;

(b) what are reasons for the shortfall, if any, in the target; and

(c) to what extent the additional power generation capacity has bridged the gap between the demand and supply in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) During the Sixth Plan, 14226 MW additional generating capacity was commissioned against a target of 19666 MW;

(b) The main reasons for short-fail in achieving the target are (i) Inadequate availability of funds; (ii) Delay in placement of orders; (iii) Delay in supply of plant and equipment; (iv) Delay in completion of civil works; (v) Unsatisfactory industrial relations etc.

(c) The energy shortage during 1979-80 was 16.1 percent which came down to 6.7 percent in 1984-85, as a result of various measures taken including additional power generating capacity commissioned during the Sixth Plan.

Programmes to raise literacy in the Sixth Five Year Plan

899. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of programmes taken up by Government to raise percent age of literacy in the country, particularly in rural areas, during the Sixth Five Year Plan period and the achievements made;

(b) the actual expenditure incurred in implementation of the programmes as against the allocation during the same period; and

(c) the names of the States lagging behind?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Details of programmes taken up during the Sixth Plan period to raise the percentage of literacy in the country, particularly in rural areas, and achievements made there-under, are indicated below:

Rural Functional Literacy Project (RFLP):

Under this Centrally sponsored scheme, cent percent grants to the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations are sanctioned. 513 projects have so far been sanctioned. Priority was given to the educationally backward States and Districts.

Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Agencies working in the field of Adult Education;

Under this Central Scheme, financial assistance is provided to registered voluntary agencies for undertaking projects of Adult Education Centres, post literacy and follow-up work, resource support and organisation of workshops and seminars at the national level in selected areas. Grants are given @ 75 per cent of the, administrative cost and @ 100 per cent of the Programme cost for undertaking field programmes on project basis. 513 Voluntary Agencies have been approved since the revival of the scheme in April, 1982.

Schemes of Adult Education and Extension Programme through Universities and Colleges;

The University Grants Commission has been assisting Universities and Colleges for implementing a Scheme of Adult Education Programme. At present, 74 Universities and 2082 colleges are participating in the Programme. Besides, Nehru Yuvak Kendras are also implementing the Adult Education programme through National Service Volunteers Scheme. Adult Education is also one of the programmes being undertaken by the National Service Scheme.