

Special Central Assistance for the Annual Plan of Andhra Pradesh

1420. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total amount of special Central assistance granted for the annual plan 1980-81 to Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether the sanction for the Bhadrachalam Thermal Station at Marugaru and other stations in that State has been approved by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):

(a) No allocation could be made to the State under Special Problems Assistance for the Annual Plan 1980-81, as the entire amount of Rs. 40.98 crores, earmarked for the State Plan for the four-year period 1979-83 was utilised during the first year, i.e. 1979-80 itself.

(b) The State had proposed taking up of Bhadrachalam Thermal Power Project—Stage I (2×120 MW) in 1980-81 Annual Plan. The scheme is under detailed examination in the Central Electricity Authority.

The Central Electricity Authority have techno-economically cleared the under-mentioned hydro electric schemes of Andhra Pradesh.

Name of the scheme	Estimated Cost (Rs. Crores)
Nagarjunasagar Pumped Storage Scheme Stage II (3×100 MW).	55.78
Srisailem Stage II (3×110 MW)	39.38
Pochamped (Hydel) (3×9 MW)	13.49

A lump sum provision of Rs. 5 crores is available for the new generation schemes in the Annual Plan

of the State for 1980-81 after meeting the full financial requirements of the on-going projects and other power programmes. The State Government has already been requested to indicate its choice and priority among these schemes.

1421. [Transferred to the 12th August, 1980]

Curtailment of Central Aid and Assistance to States

1422. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have decided to curtail Central aid to the States during the current financial year;

(b) if so, how many States will be affected;

(c) how much Central aid was provided to Andhra Pradesh during the last financial year; and

(d) whether State Government has urged the Central Government not to reduce the Central aid and continue the same as it was during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI):

(a) and (b) The Central assistance allocated as per official level discussions held in February-March 1980 for the Annual Plan, 1980-81 is lower than that in the previous year 1979-80 in the case of five States, viz., Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh. However, fresh discussions with the Chief Ministers of States are in progress and the level of Central assistance already allocated to the States is being reviewed.

(c) Rs. 188.72 crores

(d) Yes, Sir.