

any capacity of office-bearer or otherwise for or on behalf of the said Association until further orders.

Loan by World Bank for rural electrification

1743. SHRI PRANAB CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan given by the World Bank for rural electrification during the last three years, and what is the rate of interest charged thereon; and

(b) what is the break-up of loans given to each of the States and the rates of interest charged from the States?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A development credit agreement was signed on 23-7-1975 with the IDA for rural electrification project for a credit of \$ 57 million. A service charge at the rate of 3¼ per cent per annum on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time is payable by the Government of India to the Association.

Funds under this Credit are made available by the World Bank by way

of reimbursement of cost of major items of materials procured by the eligible State Electricity Boards for execution of rural electrification projects approved by the Rural Electrification Corporation. On the basis of the materials procured and claims submitted, reimbursement under the Credit started in 1976-77 and so far a total amount of about \$ 19.4 million have been made available by the World Bank.

(b) The funds provided by the World Bank under the Credit are made available to the Rural Electrification Corporation through the Government of India in the shape of loans for further re-lending to the State Electricity Boards for their rural electrification schemes. A statement giving State-wise break-up of value of orders placed for procurement of materials under the Credit and the reimbursements received so far from the World Bank is enclosed.

The loans advanced by the Corporation to the State Electricity Boards carry net effective interest at rates varying from 5.75 per cent per annum to 9.25 per cent per annum for different categories of schemes and for different periods.

Statement

The value of orders placed by SEBS under IDA Credit 572-in and Amount of Credit Passed by the World Bank to the Government of India during the last 3 years.

(Value in million)

Sl. No.	State Electricity Board	Value of orders placed	Amount of credit received by the Govt. of India
1	2	3	4
<i>A. Value of orders placed.</i>			
1	Andhra Pradesh	5.188	1.414
2	Assam	2.332	1.193

1	2	3	4
3	Bihar	10.624	2.320.
4	Gujarat	2.429	1.954
5	Karnataka	3.983	2.656.
6	Kerala	1.566	0.909.
7	Maharashtra	2.578	1.305.
8	Madhya Pradesh	8.141	3.071
9	Orissa	2.039	1.023
10	Punjab	2.709	0.352
11	Rajasthan	2.627	1.768
12	Tamil Nadu	4.417	1.187
13	West Bengal	6.772	0.199
		55.405	19.351
	B. Provision for Price escalation and variation in exchange rate	1.600	included in above..
		57.005	
	Say	£57.000	

Change in the present set up of the Central Election Commission

1944. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to change the present set up of the Election Commission so as to include the representatives from workers, farmers, engineers, scientists, educationists, trade unions and public organisations, party leaders and state leaders; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government do not consider it necessary to change the set-up of the Election Commission in the manner indicated in part (a) of the Question.

Self-reliance in steel

1745. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have achieved self-reliance in steel production; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what action Government propose to take to achieve self-reliance in steel production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) and (b) The Indian steel industry has