

Gap between the supply and demand of power in the country

***360. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH:**

SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISO-DIA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake any long-term measures to bridge the gap between the supply and demand of power in the country; and

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

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been recognised that it is necessary to add adequate generating capacity to bridge the gap between the supply and demand for power in the country. The power programme for the period 1978-83, therefore, envisages addition of 18,500 MW to increase the total installed generating capacity in the country to about 44,500 MW by the end of 1982-83. The perspective for power development during 1983-88 has also been kept in view in formulating this power programme. The Planning Commission have constituted a Working Group to review the power programme during the period 1978-83, and draw up a broad perspective for power development upto the end of 1987-88. Review of power programmes is a continuing exercise and power projects required in the longer term beyond 1983 are being sanctioned depending on the projected demand for power and the time-frame in which the projects identified can be constructed.

Memorandum submitted to the Lt. Governor of Pondicherry

1281. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the opposition of the Pondi-

cherry Legislative Assembly, now dissolved, presented a Memorandum to the Lt. Governor containing allegations of corruption against the then Chief Minister and his colleagues;

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

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) to (c) Facts are being ascertained.

Selection grade for groups (c) and (d) employees of the AIR and the Doordarshan

1282. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in pursuance of Government's Order dated the 10th January, 1977 selection grades have been and are being created for group 'C' and 'D' employees of the A.I.R. and the Doordarshan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no such selection grade has been created for the senior stenographers working in the subordinate offices of the AIR and the Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government had considered the creation of selection grade for Senior Stenographers in the scale of pay of Rs. 425-700 as not necessary in view of the following:

(i) that for the Junior Stenographers (Scale Rs. 330-560), a Selection Grade in the scale of Rs. 425-640 has been created; and

(ii) that a special category of Stenographers in the pay scale of Rs. 550-900 has been created in the subordinate offices for working with officers drawing the scale of Rs. 2250-2500 p.m.