

Kashmir, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura, a more liberal pattern of Central assistance has been adopted under which 90 per cent of Central assistance is given by way of grants and 10 per cent by way of loans, while in other cases the proportion of grants to loans is 30:70. The North Eastern Council also undertakes development schemes of common benefit to the regions which are fully financed by the Centre. In deciding the Central Government's investments in industry and infrastructure, and in schemes of industrial incentives, the objective of reducing inter-State and regional inequalities is also borne in mind.

Additional Power Generation

256. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the additional power generating capacity installed during 1976-77; and

(b) what is the present capacity in the country, State-wise and project-wise, and what is the extent of actual utilisation of power therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Additional generating capacity of 1712.1 MW was installed during 1976-77.

(b) Two statements—one for thermal and the other for hydel capacity—showing, State-wise and Project-wise, the present installed capacity and actual generation and Plant Load Factor during the year 1976-77, are enclosed. [See appendix CII Annexure Nos. 22 and 23.]

Enquiry into the activities of Iskon

257. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHA-PATRO:

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any communication from the West Bengal Government requesting for assistance in regard to the institution of an inquiry into the recent shooting incidents at the International Society for Krishna Consciousness Centre at Mayapur in Nadia District of West Bengal and the activities of the Society; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident and what action Central Government have taken on the West Bengal Government's request?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Education Among Tribal Students

258. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools run by (i) Christian missionaries, and (ii) Government, in the Tribal areas-

(b) the number of tribal students who are at present receiving assistance for education from Government; and

(c) what are the recent steps taken by Government to promote education among tribals?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Instructions have been issued to the States/UTs about the important programmes to be taken up. These include.

1. Special programmes for low literacy areas and other priority areas to be identified;
2. Ashram Schools for sparsely populated areas.
3. Special programmes for intensive physical education-