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actual operation of the programme has been taken up from 1974-75.

Central financial assistance amounting to Rs. 189.37 lakhs has been released to Karnataka State Govt. for the implementation of the RIP Programme from the year 1962-63 to 1976-77. The details are given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Period	Central Releases		Total
	Grant	Loan	
1962-63 to 1974-75	68.73	73.97	142.70
1975-76	11.36	7.63	18.99
1976-77	14.68	13.00	27.68
TOTAL	94.77	94.60	189.37

The details about physical progress achieved in 7 Rural Industries Projects upto March, 1975 received from the State Government are as follows :

Projects	No. of units assisted cumulative	Total Investment (Rs. in lakhs)	Estimated production (Rs. in lakhs) 1974-75	Employment
1. Shimoga	739	317.22	474.86	4091
2. Dharwar	877	65.51	48.36	3483
3. Tumkur	446	48.91	230.12	4562
4. Belgaum	212	123.42	133.55	873
5. Bijapur	89	5.40	7.40	193
6. Bidar	3	2.20	0.43	15
7. Hassan	199	109.96	1.70	1032

(b) and (c) After March, 77 no techno-economic survey has been conducted in the 7 Rural Industries Projects in Karnataka State. A new guideline was issued to all the Projects in August, 1976 in which the Projects were asked to update the techno-economic surveys and the work of updating the surveys has been initiated in the Projects.

RURAL INDUSTRIES PROJECTS IN UTTAR PRADESH

274. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the progress so far made by the Rural Industries Projects in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any survey under the Rural Industries Projects in Uttar Pradesh has been undertaken after March, 1977; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA) : (a) Five Rural Industries Projects in respect of some selected blocks in the districts of Saharanpur, Ghazipur, Jhansi, Allahabad and Almorah were initiated in 1962-63. The Rural areas of Lucknow District were taken up under this programme in 1971-72. The areas of operation of the earlier five Projects was extended to cover the entire districts except towns with more than 15,000 population according to 1961

census. 7 more District Projects covering the rural areas of the districts of Mathura, Rai Bareli, Fatehpur, Balia, Deoria, Moradabad and Unnao were sanctioned towards the end of the 4th Plan. On the basis of a techno-economic survey conducted in respect of these 7 projects with regard to identifying the extent of local raw materials, resources in skilled labour, artisans etc. appropriate technology, existing level of industrial development and poten-

tial for development of small scale and cottage industries, the actual operation of the programme has been taken up from 1974-75.

Central financial assistance amounting to Rs. 377.98 lakhs has been released to the U.P. State Government for the implementation of the Rural Industries Projects Programme from the year 1962-63 to 1976-77. The details are given below :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Period	Central releases		Total
		Grant	Loan	
Total Third Plan	1962-66	22.64	30.94	53.58
Total 3 annual Plans	1966-69	20.61	35.90	56.51
Total 4th Plan	1969-74	65.40	53.88	119.28
Fifth Plan	1974-75	25.11	25.70	50.81
	1975-76	24.36	32.36	56.72
	1976-77	20.27	20.81	41.08
TOTAL		178.39	199.59	377.98

The Physical progress achieved in 13 Rural Industries Projects up to March, 1975 have been received from the field. The details are as follows :

Projects	No. of units assisted (cumulative)	Total Investment (Rs. in lakhs)	Estimated Production (1974-75)	Employment (cumulative)
<i>Physical Achievement</i>				
1. Saharanpur	1197	385.68	531.61	6154
2. Ghazipur	628	116.83	111.44	3805
3. Jhansi	2208	351.45	809.62	5867
4. Allahabad	1462	210.75	182.70	6378
5. Almora	316	250.54	102.94	1381
6. Lucknow	203	666.69	244.55	2055
7. Ballia	36	15.48	12.48	191
8. Fatehpur	143	157.41	268.80	1005
9. Moradabad	77	118.40	259.56	618
10. Deoria	66	101.18	83.18	730
11. Mathura	333	262.65	213.32	1991
12. Unnao	34	209.62	317.44	1166
13. Rai Bareli	77	606.70	231.58	758

(b) and (c) After March, 1977, no Techno-Economic Survey has been conducted in the 13 Rural Industries Projects in U.P. State. A new guideline was issued to all Projects in August, 1976, in which the Projects were asked to update the Techno-Economic Surveys and the work of updating the surveys has been initiated in the Projects.

NAXALITES KILLED IN POLICE ENCOUNTERS

275. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of the Naxalites killed in police encounters in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh during the last three years ?

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

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE STATES PRIOR TO PRESIDENT'S RULE

276. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Administrations in some of the States which are now under the President's Rule have issued any instructions to the departments under them not to implement certain commitments involving financial outlay made by the Governments in those States a little before the proclamation of the President's Rule there; and

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

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information asked for is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

POWER SHORTAGE IN WEST BENGAL

277. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute power crisis in West Bengal;

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

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. West Bengal has been having capacity shortage to meet peak demand. The position in May '77 was particularly aggravated by the fact that a number of thermal generating units were under planned and forced outages. The situation became worse on 22-5-1977 and again on 27-5-1977 due to tripping of Santaldih-Howrah 220 KV line resulting in stoppage of flow of power from Santaldih to Howrah.

(c) The following steps have been taken :

(i) The 220 KV Santaldih-Howrah line has been recommissioned;

(ii) The State Electricity Board and D.V.C. are taking steps to expedite the recommissioning of thermal generating units under forced and planned outage;

(iii) The power from existing thermal generating units is being maximised by improving their performance;

(iv) The commissioning of 3rd 120 MW unit at Santaldih Thermal Power Station which is due to be commissioned during this year is being expedited.

KILLING IN WEST BENGAL

278. SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Congress workers were killed in West Bengal during the latter half of the last month;

(b) whether any investigations have been made into the incidents; and

(c) if so, what is the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

The available information has revealed :
Brajendra Nath Dey.—He was 75 years old and a resident of village Velpatrigram P. S. Sadar, district Midnapore. Some unknown miscreants ransacked his house