

Industrial Development of Eastern U.P.

*192. SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the steps which Government have taken for the industrial development of Eastern Uttar Pradesh as a whole and in particular of those districts which are mentioned by the Patel Commission in its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI ANANT PRASAD SHARMA) : The schemes of the Central Government to accelerate the growth of new industries in backward districts all over India are tflc following :—

(i) 15 per cent central outright subsidy in some specified backward districts.

(ii) Concessional finance from All India term-lending institutions in some specified industrially backward districts.

(iii) Some income-tax concessions in industrially backward districts.

In Eastern UP. the districts of Ballia, Basti and Faizabad qualify for 15 per cent central subsidy. All the four districts of Ghazipur, Azamgarh, Deoria and Jaunpur mentioned by the Joint Study Team headed by Shri Br- P. Patel qualify for concessional finance and income-tax concessions. In addition, for these districts of Eastern U.P., the State Government have their schemes for industrial development included in the Five Year Plans.

Availability of hydro-power in the North Eastern region of India

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey had been made regarding availability of hydro-power in the North Eastern region of India ;

(b) if so, what percentage of it is being exploited at present; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government for stepping up its further exploitation ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) The hydro-electric potential of the various river basins of the North-Eastern Region was assessed on the basis of topo-sheet studies undertaken during the period from 1953—60 by the Central Water & Power Commission. On the basis of these studies, the hydro-electric potential for the North-Eastern Region had been assessed at 7.482 MKw continuous, equivalent to an annual energy generation of about 65.51 billion units approx. This survey did not examine the feasibility of any particular project.

So far, hydro schemes with an energy potential of 1.266 billion units have been executed/are being executed in the Region constituting nearly 1.93 per cent of the total hydro power potential assessed on the basis of topo-sheet studies.

Several hydro-electric projects are under investigation for establishing feasibility and techno-economic viability. The exploitation of further hydro-electric potential will be pursued after taking into account the feasibility and relative economics of such schemes for supplying power to the Region, in relation to other sources of energy that may be capable of being developed.