

constituted for various posts/services in the Department of Statistics and its attached and subordinate offices; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE): (a) and (b) Schedule[^] Castes/Scheduled Tribes officers are included in many Departmental Promotion Committees/ Selection Boards. It has already been decided that Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes officers should be nominated on the Departmental Promotion Committees for Class III and IV services.

Map Showing boundaries of Assam State

878. SHRI SYED ABDUL MALIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no map showing the latest boundaries of Assam is available at present:

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to publish such a map?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE): (a) No, Sir. A map of India showing *inier-alia* the latest boundaries of Assam State is available.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Loan, for modernisation of Industrial Units

879. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHAN-
KAR ADIVAREKAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to

provide credit to industrial units for modernisation;

(b) if so, what is the amount earmarked for this purpose during this year; and

(c) what are the conditions laid down for giving such credits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the announcement made by the Finance Minister in his Budget speech for 1976-77, the Industrial Development Bank of India has invited applications for modernisation purposes from selected industries (e. g. cement, sugar and engineering). A separate announcement regarding cotton textiles and jute industries is also expected to be issued. Broad eligibility criteria for assistance under the scheme have been laid down in the Press Note issued by IDBI on 21 July 1976.

Micro Hydel Projects in Sikkim

680. DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRA-
BARTI:

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA
BURAGOHAIN:

SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN
SARING:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of micro hydel projects so far sanctioned for Sikkim; and

(b) on how many of them construction has started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD)-, (a) and (b) Some micro-hydel schemes are already in operation in Sikkim. Investigations for new schemes are in hand. No scheme-reports for new schemes have, however, so far been received in the Central Electricity Authority for technical examination.