

(b) if not, by which method assessment regarding employment opportunities available to minorities in Government service and public sector undertakings is made; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue necessary instructions for compilation of such statistics annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE E-? THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) ?vo statistics are maintained community-wise about employment in Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) Government have been following the policy laid down in Article 16(i) of the Constitution which guarantees equality of opportunity for all citizens in matters relating to employment or appointment to any office under the State. Various employing authorities have been advised that it is their responsibility to ensure that there is no prejudice against candidates belonging to minority communities. Government themselves have been keeping a constant watch in this regard.

(c) No, Sir.

Power Station for North Bengal

*380. SHRI PRASANJIT BARMAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up a power station for industrial development of the northern region of West Bengal;

(b) if so, what will be the location of the power station; and

(c) by when the power station is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PAOT) (a) to (c) Jaldhaka hydro project stage II consisting of 2 generating units of 4 MW

man Hydro project consisting of 4 generating units of 12.5 MW each has been proposed for implementation for benefits during the Sixth Plan.

It is proposed to set up a thermal power station in the Central sector at Farakka to meet, *inter-alia* the requirements of North Bengal in the Sixth Plan period. The size of the station and the schedule of implementation of the project would depend, among other factors, on the availability of resources.

Targets for Hydro-Electric Development

*381. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: SHRI SYED NIZAM-UN-DIN; SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the financial and physical targets for the development of hydro-electric during the current Plan period with special reference to hilly areas with sufficient water resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE): During the current annual plan 1976-77 the financial provision for development of hydro-electric projects is Rs. 298.73 crores, out of which the provisions for hilly areas and non-hilly are:—

(i) Hill areas Rs 243.25 crores

(ii) Non-hilly areas Rs. 45.48

The corresponding physical targets during the annual plan period are:—

(i) Hilly areas . . . 761 MW

(ii) Non-hilly areas . . . 86 MW

TOTAL 847 MW
