

(a) i,47,867 villages have been electrified in the country upto June, 1973. Statewise break-up of these villages is given in the attached statement.

(b) and (c) In view of the prevailing drought conditions in the country and the need for growing more foodgrains, instructions were issued in August, 1972 to all the State Electricity Boards to give highest priority to energisation of tubewells. They were also asked to conserve energy to the maximum possible extent, if necessary, by curtailing supply elsewhere but in no case deny power supply to agricultural pump-sets. No cuts were imposed on energy consumption in the agricultural sector during the recent power shortage. Only fostering of loads was done in order to stagger the demand.

Statement

Villages Electrified in Various States

State	Total No. of villages	No. of villages electrified as on 30-6-1973.
1. Andhra Pradesh	27,084	9,914
2. Assam	20,565	821
3. Bihar	67,665	8,717 a
4. Gujarat	18,584	5,397
5. Haryana	6,669	6,669
6. Himachal Pradesh	13,060	3,517 b
7. Jammu and Kashmir	6,559	829 a
8. Kerala	1,573	1,343 d
9. Madhya Pradesh	70,414	9,933 c
10. Maharashtra	35,851	15,497
11. Manipur	1,866	205
12. Meghalaya	4,407	71
13. Mysore	26,337	11,809
14. Nagaland	814	86
15. Orissa	46,466	6,426 d
16. Punjab	11,947	6,660 d
17. Rajasthan	32,241	4,956
18. Tamil Nadu	14,124	13,757
19. Tripura	4,932	97
20. Uttar Pradesh	1,12,624	27,224
21. West Bengal	38,454	6,961
TOTAL STATES	5,62,276	1,40,889
TOTAL UNION TERRITORIES	4,602	978
TOTAL ALL INDIA	5,66,878	1,41,867

a — As on 31-12-72 b — As on 31-1-73 c — As on 31-3-73 d — As on 31-5-73

Checkable Overcharge sheet Received In Foreign Traffic Accounts Office Western Railway, Delhi

1151. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL:

SHRI MONORANJAN ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of checkable overcharge sheet (Freight and Rebate, separately) received in the Foreign Traffic Accounts Office Western Railway Delhi; and

(b) the yardstick for the check of overcharge-sheet and staff deputed for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Checkable overcharge sheets received during 1972-

Freight...3030

Rebate...4151

TOTAL 7181

(b) Yardstick—Seven overcharge sheets per manday.

Number of staff employed—«H clerks.

Strength of Railway Signallers

1152. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of Railway Signallers in the grade of Rs. 150-240 (A.S.) as on 30th June, 1973;

(b) how many, out of them, have been stagnating at the maximum scale of pay on or before 30th June, 1973; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to increase the scale of pay of railway Signallers with a view to do away with the stagnation in the scale?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) 2,093