

FAMINE RELIEF IN RAJASTHAN

*344. SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA RED-DY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently sanctioned any amount for the relief of the famine affected areas of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what amount has been sanctioned ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current financial year, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 14- 50 crores has so far been sanctioned towards drought relief measures in Rajasthan.

ELECTRICITY FOR BADIARA-DEVIDHAR AREA IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

♦345. SHRI C L. VARMA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply to Uns-tarred Question No. 1401 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1968 and state :

(a) whether the work for providing electricity to the Badiara-Devidhar area of Mahasu District of Himachal Pradesh has been included for implementation under

the annual plan for 1969-1970, if so, the provision made therefor;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for not taking up electrification of this area ; and

(c) the details of the electrification programmes for 1970-71 and the Fourth Five Year Plan for the Union Territory of Himachal, indicating the outlay scheme-wise and the additional areas to be electrified under each scheme; and whether the above scheme is included under either programme?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) to (c) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT*Electricity for Badiara-Devidhar area in Himachal Pradesh*

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The scheme for extension of electricity supply to Badiara-Devidhar and other localities in the area is under investigation by Himachal Pradesh Government, at present.

(c) The electrification programme of Himachal Pradesh for the year 1970-71 has not been finalised yet. The required details of the schemes under the Fourth Five Year Plan are given below :—

Name of Scheme	Estimated cost (Rs. lakhs)	Expenditure incurred up to '68-69 (Rs. lakhs)	Fourth Plan Provision (Rs. lakhs)	No. of new villages likely to be electrified during IV Plan.
1. Giri H. E. Scheme	891.45	344	547	
2. Uhl H.E. Scheme, Stage II	1017.00	839	178	
3. Transmission and Distribution :-				
(i) Continuing Schemes	30.20	15.27	314	
(ii) New Schemes	320.00	..		
4. Rural Electrification :				
(i) Continuing Schemes	498.27	352.01	146	
(ii) New Schemes	891.06	..		
5. Micro Hydel and Investigations	163.00	63.00	34	
TOTAL	3810.98	1613.78	1219	1500

NOTE—Electrification of Badiara-Devidhar area is not envisaged in the programme detailed above.