

WORKING OF DELTA IRRIGATION DIVISION

*269. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delta Irrigation Division with headquarters at Bhubaneswar has started working; and

(b) what is its present strength and what work is being done by it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present strength of the Division is as under:—

(1) Executive Engineer.	... 1
(2) Assistant Engineers.	.. 4
(3) Supervisors.	... 26
(4) Divisional Accountant.	... 1
(5) Head Clerk.	... 1
(6) Second Clerk.	... 1
(7) Accounts Clerks.	... 4
(8) Sub-Divisional Clerks.	... 4
(9) Record Clerk.	... 1
(10) Steno-typist.	... 1
(11) Lower Division Clerks	... 9
(12) Senior Draftsman.	... 1
(13) Junior Draftsmen.	... 2
(14) Tracer.	... 1
(15) Ferro Printer.	... 1
(16) Zilladars.	... 2
(17) Tahsildars	... 7
(18) Daftary.	.. 1
(19) Peons.	... 12
(20) Barkandaz.	... 5

The work which is being done in the Delta Irrigation Division consists of:—

- (i) Investigations for affording flood protection to the areas in the Puri District.
- (ii) Investigations for introduction of irrigation in the Puri District.
- (iii) Collection of area statistics, observations of discharges, Sub-

soil water level observations of existing wells etc.

SHRI B. RATH: Am I to understand that the Executive Engineer who has been stationed at Bhubaneswar is looking to the work of investigation as well as to the work of irrigation in the Puri District?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: There are two Executive Engineers.

SHRI B. RATH: There are two different Executive Engineers. What are the numbers of Assistant Engineers who are working under the Executive Engineers for investigation work?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I would require notice, Sir.

SHRI B. RATH: Is it a fact that investigation work also has been taken up in the district of Cuttack in the Kendrapara Sub-division?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Sir, I have no information of that.

SHRI B. RATH: Sir, may I know how many times the Executive Engineer for investigation work has visited the Kendrapara Sub-division during the period that has elapsed?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I will enquire, Sir.

SHRI B. RATH: May I know whether the Executive Engineer has made any tours in connection with this investigation work?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I will enquire into that.

SHRI B. RATH: May I know whether all the Assistant Engineers who were working in investigation and on irrigation work can be placed under one Executive Engineer?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: They are under different Executive Engineers.

CUT IN THE CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY IN MADRAS

*270. SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a 50 per cent. cut has been imposed by the Government of Madras in the consumption of electricity;

(b) whether the industrial production in Madras particularly in textiles, cement and glass has been affected by the cut; and

(c) if so, what is the estimated total loss in production in the above industries?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. This cut has been increased to 66-2/3 per cent. from 1st March 1953.

(b) Textiles and cement industries have been affected, but not glass industry.

(c) A statement is placed on the Table of the Council.

STATEMENT

Name of Industry	Total estimated loss in production per month as a result of cut in consumption of electricity
(1) Textiles—	
(i) Yarn	.. 3.7 million lbs.
(ii) Cloth	.. 2 million yards.
(2) Cement	.. 3,000 tons.

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SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: Is it a fact, Sir, that this cut in electricity supply has been in existence there for the past six years?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should not think so, but, I should like to know the exact period.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: May I know how many months' production has been cut due to cut in electricity so far?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I have given the information for the present period but as regards the past I should like to inform myself before replying.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: Sir, in view of the fact that the loss in production has been continuing for the past six years and that the cut in electricity is almost existent for nearly 7 months in a year, has the Government taken any steps to provide adequate power supplies for industries in the area concerned?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Long argument.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Sir, should not Government think of erecting few thermal stations to augment continuous electricity supply for industrial as well as agricultural purposes?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I shall forward the question to the relevant quarter.

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: Sir, in view of the fact that the value of goods lost is nearly 50 lakhs of rupees per month, will the hon. Minister think of at least giving some relief to the Madras State for providing their own thermal station?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I shall also forward that question to the relevant quarter.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: What will be the nature of unemployment in industrial labour as a result of this cut?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: If that is relevant I shall forward that question also.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You might say you might consider it.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: We are not able to follow anything.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that these are arguments, suggestions for action and that he will forward them to the respective Departments.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Sir, does the cut apply to agricultural purposes also?

SHRI D. P. KARMAKAR: I don't think but I shall enquire that also.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: May I suggest that he also forwards that to the proper authority?

*271. [The questioner (Shri Sardar Singh) was absent.]

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CUTTACK STATION OF A. I. R.

*273. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 1 K.W. transmitter of All India Radio, Cuttack does not cater to the needs of radio listeners of distant places;

(b) whether representations were made to Government for providing a powerful transmitter; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) The transmitter provides a satisfactory primary service to the Cuttack area. It is expected that there will be an improvement in listening range by certain improvements proposed to be effected at the Station very soon.

(b.) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is not possible to install a transmitter of higher power at Cuttack owing to paucity of funds at present.

SHRI B. RATH: Am I to understand that this 1 K.W. transmitter has been provided at Cuttack only for the listeners of Cuttack Town?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: It is provided for listeners as far as the range of the transmitter can go.

SHRI B. RATH: What is the range of the transmitter?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: I shall be certainly pleased to supply information regarding the transmitter's range to my hon. friend if he can wait for a few days because every transmitter has got what is known as the effective range. It has a 24 hours listening range; then there is a range which is considered to be better, for example, the evening hours when the range is much higher. I cannot give all these technical things immediately.

SHRI B. RATH: Am I.....

MR. CHAIRMAN:.....to understand!

SHRI B. RATH: Am I to understand that the transmitter that has been provided at Cuttack has a range of 25 miles and not more?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: I cannot exactly say that it is 25 but the range is pretty small.

SHRI B. RATH: What is the northern and southern end of the province from the place where the transmitter has been placed?

MR CHAIRMAN: You know it better.

SHRI B. RATH: Is the Government aware of the fact that this transmitter does not cater to the needs of the province?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: Sir, the Government is fully aware and I am sure my hon. friend is also aware that when the transmitter at Cuttack and other transmitters like that which were known as pilot stations were started, they were started in the hope that, as soon as possible, we would be able to increase their power and we do certainly want to increase the power not only of the Cuttack Station but of other small stations but the financial difficulties are known to him also and we have to take up these works one by one.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Sir,.....