

(d) if so, by when the flight is likely to be re-introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMODHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) While the Bombay|Nagpur|Bhubaneswar flight had to be withdrawn due to shortage of aircraft capacity, the Bhubaneswar|Calcutta service is being maintained.

(c) and (d) The shortage of aircraft capacity is continuing. Furthermore the available aircraft are being deployed as a matter of priority so as to achieve high passenger load factors. As of now, there is no plan to reintroduce the Bombay-Bhubaneswar flight.

Clearance of Power projects

363. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many coal-based and gas-based power projects got clearance from the Environment Ministry as on 30th June, 1990;

(b) what is the capacity, estimated costs and location of these projects; and

(c) what steps have been taken to implement those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Power Projects in Private Sector in Andhra Pradesh.

364. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two power projects in the private sector are proposed to be set up during the Eighth Plan period in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what will be the total capacity of each projects and also investment in each project and the site selected for the purpose; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have invited offers through insertion of advertisement in the News Papers from Private Entrepreneurs for implementation of Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2x500 MW), and Godavari Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project (around 400 MW). The first unit of 500 MW of the proposed Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project is generally commissioned after 60 months from the date of placement of orders for the main plant and equipment. As regards Godavari Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project the commissioning Schedule will be dependent on configuration of the unit size of the gas based plant which is yet to be determined as the scheme is tentatively included for yielding benefits during the Eighth Plan which is under finalisation.

Fire in Hydro Power Station at Kadambari, Madras

365. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire break out at the 400 KW hydro power station at Kadambari, Madras on 19th October, 1990;

(b) if so, what were the causes of the fire;

(c) what is the estimated loss as a result thereof;

(d) by when the above power station is likely to be working smoothly again; and

(e) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into the incident and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the preliminary investigations carried out by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, the fire originated on bursting

of the 220 KV cable pot head on blue phase single phase transformer of Unit IV, consequent to which 1800 litres of transformer oil caught fire.

(c) The loss has been estimated at Rs. 4.92 crores.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Coal release for domestic and small industrial users

366. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to release more coal both for domestic and small industrial users to meet the shortage of supply of petroleum products;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of coal released during the month of September, 1990 onwards so far;

(c) what was the total demand as against the total production of coal upto August, 1990; and

(d) to what extent the shortage of coal is being met?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) Yes, Sir. A time bound programme to supply coal to domestic and small industrial users has been drawn up. Further, more coal has been offered under free sale scheme.

(b) Coal offtake for soft coke, brick and kiln industry and other consumers for the months of September, October and November '90 is as follows:—

(million tonnes)

Month	Offtake
September '90	2.25
October '90	2.61
November '90	3.41

(c) and (d) Information about demand, production and offtake of coal is as follows:—

(Million tonnes)

Demand 1990-91 (April '90- March '91)	Actual production (April- August '90)	Off-take (April August '90)
234.10	71.87	80.84

(Data provisional)

Recommendations made by State Power Ministers Conference

367. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that establishment of regional tariff advisory committees to determine an appropriate tariff structure for sale of electricity in a region from Central Stations as well as from generating stations of the State Electricity Boards and power utilities, has been recommended by the State Power Ministers Conference;

(b) if so, what were the other suggestions made;

(c) how many of them have been accepted; and

(d) what steps are being taken to implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BARANRAO DHAKNE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the suggestions, made at the State Power Ministers Conference held on the 11th and 12th September, 1990 is given in the statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) The suggestions made of the Power Ministers Conference are under consideration of the Central as well as the concerned State Governments.