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(d) if so, what ' his reaction thereto; and

(e) what steps are being taken to set matters right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) There is a Well established procedure for appointment to the posts of Chairman & Managing Director of public sector undertakings like Air India and Indian Airlines. According to this procedure, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) interviews qualified internal and external candidates and makes its recommendations to the administrative Ministry. The final appointment is made on the orders of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

(b) The post of Chairman, and Managing Director is not a promotion post. Therefore, there is no question of supersession of any person in its appointment.

(c) to (e) There is no basis to such reports. Government have not taken a decision in the matter so far. The appointment of a regular Chairman and Managing Director, Air India will, be done by the Government in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Setting up of power Plants in India by Foreign Companies

1229. SHRI KAPIL VERMA;
SHRIMATISURYAKAN-
TAPATILKUMARI
HANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA;

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a), whether certain power companies of the West have shown interest in setting up power plants in India;

if so, what -are the details in this regard; and

(b) what is Government's policy regarding foreign and Indian private sector participation in power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b) The Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 which govern the power supply industry in India do not bar power generation in the private sector. The Industrial Policy Resolution, 1956 while reserving the generation and distribution of electricity for the public sector provides for expansion of the existing privately owned units and establishment of the new power units in the private sector. In view of the increasing requirements for power and the shortage of resources inhibiting public sector power utilities, the Government have taken a decision to encourage greater private sector participation in power generation, supply and distribution provided private sector bring in additional resources to the power sector.

The participation of foreign private investment in the power sector shall be in accordance with the provisions of the general policy framework of liberalisation of foreign investment in the country.

While some parties from the West have shown interest in the setting up of thermal power stations in the private sector, no detailed proposal in this regard has been received so far.

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1230. श्री राधाकृष्ण मालवीय :
डा० येलामनचिल्ली शिवाजी:

क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह
बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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