

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Improving the Thermal power Plants

1414. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state,

(a) whether any studies have been undertaken for getting the most from the old thermal power plants in the country as reported in the Hindu dated 23rd-February, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof—and what corrective steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) When studies were carried out in regard to the performance of the old thermal power stations in the country, it was observed that the average Plant Load Factor (PLF) which was 55.4 per cent during 1976-77 had subsequently deteriorated. The causes for the same were analysed and a Centrally Sponsored Renovating and Modernisation programme for rectification of the defects of old thermal power stations was taken up in 1984. The sanctioned cost of this scheme is Rs. 1083 crores, comprising Rs. 455 crores under Central Loan Assistant and Rs. 628 crores under State Plan Own Resources.

The Renovation and Modernisation programme generally covers thermal units of rating of 140 Mw and below; some units of 2001710 MW have also been included. A total of 34 power stations—comprising of 164 thermal units and aggregating to a capacity of 13585 MW—have been included in the programme. It is expected that an additional generation of about 7000 million units per year would accrue after the completion of the programme.

1415. [Transferred to the 9th May, 1989]

Surrey on the performance of top engineering units

1416. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have made a survey on the performance of 100 top engineering units in the country;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the survey;

(c) what are the names of each engineering company or unit on which the survey was conducted; and

(d) the performance of those engineering units during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir, the Government has not made any survey on the performance of 100 top engineering units in the country.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shifting off registrants for LPG connections registered with M/s. Vishal Gas Service, Delhi

1417. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the applicants who got themselves registered for LPG connections with M/s. Vishal Gas Service, in the Union Territory of Delhi have recently been asked to get their connections from some other dealer;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the case of those who registered themselves with M/s. Nandi Gas Distributor and M/s. Amar Gas Service in 1984-85 have not been asked to do so;