

Maharashtra State to MSEB (3.0 MMCMD) and Tata Electric Company (1.50 MMCMD). Apart from this, 0.5 MMCMD of gas to MSEB and 2.0 MMCMD to TEC have also been made on fall-back basis.

The MSEB have requested for gas for installation of 900 MW gas turbine. In addition the Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Limited and Tata Electric Company have also requested for additional gas. As the available gas at Uran has already been committed to various consumers, additional commitments cannot be made at present.

Modular Domestic Coke Plant

3673. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Central Mines Planning and Design institute (a subsidiary of Coal India Limited) Ranchi has prepared a project Report for Modular Domestic Coke Plant for developing a mechanised process for production of soft coke with minimum air pollution and for the recovery of valuable by-product, tar;

(b) what is the number of such plants at present in the country producing soft coke, Statewise along with the capacity of each plant;

(c) whether some entrepreneurs from Maharashtra have shown interest for the setting up of such plants in the private sector; and

(d) if so what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP- J NATH RAI): (a) Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, Ranchi has evolved a technology to manufacture Smokeless Solid-Fuel (SSF) in controlled environment and has prepared a number of project reports envisaging capacities between

50 to 500 tonnes per day, using this technology.

(b) No plant using CMPOIL technology has gone in production so far. 7 such plants—4 in Bihar and 1 each in Uttar Pradesh Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra—having capacity between 50 to 100 tonnes per day are understood to be under installation.

(c) and (d) 3 entrepreneurs from Maharashtra have shown interest to set up plants based on technology evolved by CMPDIL to manufacture SSF utilising this technology. Project reports for 2 entrepreneurs have been finalised by CMPDIL. One of which is already under installation. Project report for 3rd plant is in the process of preparation.

Proposal of fixing meters on Gas cylinders

3674. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to fix meters on gas cylinders for showing the quantity of gas;

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

(c) if not, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMANI DUTTA): No, Sir.

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

(c) All LPG filled cylinders are checked for correct weight at the bottling plants before dispatch to distributors. LPG distributors are also under strict instructions to ensure correct weight of LPG cylinders before making delivery to the customers.