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| B PROJECTS WITH BEST EFFORTS | | | | |
| Central Sector | | | | |
| 1. | Nabinagar TPS (Joint venture) with Railways and NTPC State Sector | 1000 | 250 | -Inputs/clearance are being tied-up |
| 1. | Muzaffarpur Ext. by Vaishaii Power | 500 | 500 | -Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been signed between NTPC&BSEB on 26-12-05- PPA has also been signed on 22-08-06 |
| Grand Total | | | 5800 | • ' |

Advanced Micro Application of Laser Welding

3455. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the "Advanced Micro application of laser welding" which was discussed through presentation of national level paper on this topic by around 44 groups from different State was organized by well-known Vishveshvarya National Institute of Technology in Nagpur in January 2007;

(b) if so, whether Government would encourage research and development activities being undertaken by well-established institutes; and

(c) whether the existing technologies, system, procedure are upgraded through assimilation/adaptation such R&D?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No such event was organized at Vishveshvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur in January, 2007.

(b) and (c) The Government does encourage research and development activities in the field of "Advanced Micro applications of laser welding" in research institutions. However, few of these activities may result in upgradation of existing technologies through the process of assimilation/adaptation.

Projects for Gujarat State Bio-Technology Mission

3456. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects submitted by the Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM) to Government during the last three years;

(b) the number of projects which have been cleared;

(c) the number of projects rejected along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of projects which are presently under consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (d) Total 14 projects were received from GSBTM during the last three years. Out of the 14 projects, two have been sanctioned by Department of Biotechnology, 9 projects got rejected on merit/late submission. 3 projects are still under consideration. Details of the projects are given in the enclosed Statement.