

#### **Shortage of welders**

3341. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of welders in the power industry; and
- (b) if so, the action taken to address the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) There are shortages of skilled personnel in certain trades relevant to the power industry including welders in certain geographical areas of the country.

Ministry of Power and Central Electricity Authority have taken initiative under Adopt an ITI scheme since July, 2007. Under this scheme, the State Government ITIs are being adopted by power sector CPSUs and Private Project developers under Public Private Partnership scheme of the Directorate General of Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour and Employment to invest in augmentation and up-gradation of the training assets of ITIs around their project areas, especially in respect of trades that are relevant to the power industry. As per available information, CPSUs have adopted 52 ITIs (including 8 new ITIs under construction). The private developers have also adopted 12 ITIs.

#### **NTPC power plant in Uttar Pradesh**

3342. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NTPC is establishing two power plants in Kanpur Dehat in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is delay in acquisition of land for these power plants;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) what efforts have been made to procure the land at an early date and commission the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (e) As informed by NTPC, it has identified a site near the village of Dhundwa Jamauli in the district of Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh for development of a 1320 MW (2×660 MW) coal based power plant.

NTPC has requested the Government of Uttar Pradesh in December, 2009 to grant in-principle approval for 1750 acres of land and 55 cusecs of water for the project and has since been pursuing the matter.

#### **Setting up of Energy Management Institute**

3343. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of an Energy Management Institute in North-Eastern Region; and