

proposals will be processed for investment approval by the Planning Commission.

Generators supplied by BHEL

282. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sub-standard generators supplied by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is one of the reasons for low output of thermal power generation in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to purchase good quality generators from sources other than Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Some of the BHEL made units took longer time for stabilisation. However a number of measures were taken for early stabilisation and for better performance of 110/120 MW units and 200/210 MW units. As a result of the measures taken by the Government, some of the BHEL made units have improved their performance. There is, therefore, no proposal at present to purchase generators from other sources due to low out-put from BHEL units. However, the State Electricity Boards are free to float tenders for import of generating equipments. A final decision on such proposals are taken on merits after considering the indigenous availability, price delivery schedule availability of foreign assistance etc.

Recruitment of Junior accountants in Farakka super Thermal power project

283. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation Limited had advertised in the Statesman dated the 3rd February, 1982 for

the post of Junior Accountants for Farakka Super Thermal Power Project;

(b) if so, whether the posts have since been filled up; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and by when the posts are proposed to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Interviews for recruitment to the posts have been held and recruitment is expected to be finalised soon.

Recruitment of graduate executive trainees in national Thermal Power Corporation

284. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation Limited had advertised in the Statesman dated the 21st or 23rd March, 1982 for the post of Graduate Executive Trainees;

(b) if so, whether the posts have since been filled up; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and by when the posts are proposed to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) NTPC has issued an advertisement in the Statesman dated 21.3.82 and other newspapers inviting applications from candidates for selection for the post of Executive Trainee (Personnel and Finance).

(b) and (c) The selection being on all India basis, written tests were conducted in 17 centres in various parts of India on 23.5.92 and the results are awaited. The candidates who qualify and secure the prescribed