

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. It has not yet been commissioned.

(b) The main reasons for the delay in completion of the Madras Atomic Power Project are:

(i) incorporation of design changes.

(ii) delay in the delivery of major nuclear and conventional equipment by foreign as well as indigenous suppliers;

(iii) technical problems encountered during construction of the station;

(iv) non-availability of certain construction materials;

(v) difficulties experienced in obtaining specialised equipment due to the embargo imposed by certain countries; and

(vi) problems in the indigenous production of heavy water.

(c) and (d) Reliance is placed on indigenous production.

368. [Transferred to 3rd May, 1982.]

Selling of imported computers by ECIL

369. SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a British firm, Computers Machinery Corporation have protested to the Government of India against the Electronics Corporation of India (ECIL) for selling the computers imported from them under its own brand; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (DR. M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Performance of RAPP

370. SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant has been consistently dismal since the time it has been in operation and that its second unit has been closed indefinitely;

(b) the number of times the plant suffered break downs during the last three years, year-wise and the circumstances identified by Govt. for its consistently poor performance; and

(c) the steps taken by Govt. to improve its performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Unit-I of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station has achieved an availability factor of 58.2 per cent and a capacity factor of 42.18 per cent since the time it began commercial operation till end January 1982. The corresponding availability factor for Unit-II is 77.09 per cent and the corresponding capacity factor is 41.87 per cent. The problem have been mainly with the grid and some of the equipment and the station authorities have been tackling them. The Govt. have also recently constituted a committee of specialists to make a technical assessment of the working of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station. Further action would be taken after the recommendations of the Committee are received and