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(a) whether the recently received Dabhol Power Plant being run on Naphtha has gone out of fuel;

(b) if so, the Naphtha stock position with the plant in the beginning of June and July this year;

(c) the reasons for the short supply and how far it was attributable to its high cost; and

(d) the steps since taken to augment the fuel supply to this plant?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1st June, 2006, 67463 Kilo Litres (KL) of Naphtha (Usable stock-about 59000 KL) was available with Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited (RGPPL) while as on 1st July, 2006, 7789 KL of Naphtha (Usable stock-NIL) was available with RGPPL.

(c) The short supply of Naphtha for this plant is mainly attributable to its high cost. The cost of power generated by this plant using Naphtha is presently unacceptable to Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL).

(d) Since prevalent Naphtha prices are very high, the Government of India have given exemption from payment of customs duty for the import of Naphtha for use by this plant in the interim period till gas supplies become available so as to reduce its cost of generation on Naphtha and make it acceptable to MSEDCL.

IIT in Gujarat

*111. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Indian Institute of Technology in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any proposal to setup an IIT in Gujarat considering its fast development in last three years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. At present the Government of India is not considering any specific proposal for opening of new IIT in Gujarat.

(c) Depending on the availability of resources, a view on opening of new IITs will be taken up in the 11th Plan.

New power project

*112. SHRI THENNALAG. BALAKRISHNAPILLAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to install new power project in view of the deficiency in power production in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study about next ten years' requirements in the power production in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Electricity Policy envisages "Power for all by 2012" and per capita availability of power to be increased to over 1,000 Units by 2011-12. According to the estimation of Central Electricity Authority, to meet this objective, capacity addition of about 1,00,000 MW is required during 10th and 11th Plans period. At present, projects aggregating over 39,300 MW are under execution. About 16,900 MW has been commissioned in the X Plan so far.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The forecast of electricity demand of the country is made periodically through Electric Power Surveys. The forecast of electricity demand of the country is made in terms of electrical energy (MkWh) and Annual Peak Electric Load (MW) for short, medium and long time frames. The forecast of energy requirement and capacity required made by the 16th Electric Power Survey is given below: