

Setting up of power projects by foreign countries

2141. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of power projects being set up in the country with the cooperation of foreign countries who have shown keen interest to invest in power projects;
- (b) whether any complaints regarding irregularities in construction work has come into Government's notice;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) As per information available with Central Electricity Authority (CEA), no power project is presently being set up with the co-operation of foreign countries.

Role of REC

2142. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the role of the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC);
- (b) whether it is a fact that the role of REC has diminished progressively in the country;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that REC is now funding private power generation plants;
- (d) the details of the various non-core activities undertaken by REC during the last three years;
- (e) whether REC is qualified to run and operate such non-core activities like funding power plants, assessing their viability and making cost-benefit analysis, as funding power generation plants in the private sector; and
- (f) the steps proposed to direct REC to concentrate on rural electrification and reliable delivery of power at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) is a non-banking financial Institute/Company to finance all power projects in the