(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of the cost of coal in the total cost of power production at present; and

(d) the percentage of the same during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The per unit cost of production of power consists of fixed cost and variable cost; the fuel cost constitutes the variable cost component. The variable cost depends on a number of factors such as size of the plant, technology used, proximity of the plant to the source of coal, grade of coal, station heat rate, auxiliary power consumption, etc. The cost of generation of electricity from the power plants is determined in accordance with Regulations on Terms & Conditions for Determination of Tariff issued by the appropriate Commission. The coal constituted about 63% & 66% of the average cost of energy sold by NTPC during 2003-04 & 2004-05 respectively.

Role of private sector in Delhi and Orissa

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the conclusions drawn by the National Advisory Council on energy policy after the role of private sector in power sector in Delhi and Orissa;

(b) if so, the main features of the conclusion drawn by the National Advisory Council; and

(c) whether Government have decided to implement the above recommendations, if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) The National Advisory Council has drawn attention to the need for institutional strengthening in respect of formation, implementation and monitoring of an Integrated Policy in all its aspects. An Expert Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission on 12th August, 2004 to prepare an integrated energy policy. The draft report has been put up on the Planning Commission's website and presented in several fora for inviting comments.

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