

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) Government of India has no proposal with regard to generation of power with the help of IIT. Madras. However, a proposal on Un-interrupted Direct Current (UDC) was received from IIT Madras for providing Un-interrupted limited power to domestic consumers during black outs/load shedding. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, IIT, Bombay has been constituted by Ministry of HRD for exploring implementation of the Un-interrupted DC (UDC) supply project.

**Increasing privatisation of healthcare services**

\*347. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that the healthcare services in the country are increasingly becoming privatized and the poor people are suffering; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures outlined in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no evidence to suggest that the health services of the country are increasingly becoming privatized.

(b) Question does not arise.

**Subsidized LPG cylinders**

†\*348. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to raise the number of subsidized domestic gas cylinders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of burden likely to be borne by Government exchequer due to this decision; and

(d) the date from which the increased number of cylinders are proposed to be made available?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.