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from September 2002 for handling feeder container vessels with a capacity addition of 0.08 million TEUs.

(d) Improvement in performance of ports is an ongoing process. Steps taken by JNPT to increase efficiency include modernization of container handling equipment, acquisition of state-of-art equipment, providing crossbeams for gravel bed in the container stack yards, 5 metres quay extension behind the Rail Mounted Quay Cranes at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPT).

(e) and (f) As per the study made by the magazine "Containerization International" and published in their monthly issue of March 2004, JNPT stands at position 30 among the top container ports of the world in handling container traffic during the calendar year 2003.

Progress of projects under Tenth Plan

1775. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether progress on Tenth Five Year Plan targets is taking place as scheduled; and

(b) the details of milestones achieved so far in respect of installation of power generation capacities, construction of "Golden Quadrilateral" National Highways, and development of ports under 'Sagar Mala' projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per the Planning Commission, the assessment of a Five Year Plans' objectives and targets is done in Mid-Term Appraisal of the Five Year Plan, and corrective actions are suggested, if considered necessary. The Mid-Term Appraisal is usually undertaken in the third year of the Plan, accordingly, the Mid-Term Appraisal Exercise of the Tenth Five Year

Plan for assessing the progress with respect to the objectives laid down in the Plan has already been initiated by the Planning Commission.

(b), The Tenth Plan has envisaged a capacity addition target of 41,110 MW in the Power Sector. In first two years of the Tenth Plan viz. 2002-2003 and 2003-04, a capacity addition of 6824 MW has materialized which is about 17% of the Tenth Plan Target. The Target 2004-2005 is 5245.52 MW.

In regard to the Golden Quadrilateral Highway project, out 5846 kms, 2198 kms. have been completed and 840 kms. are under progress.

According to the Ministry of Port and Shipping, Sagar Mala project is in the formulation stage and is yet to be approved by the Government.

Cost overrun of projects

1776. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 274 projects currently under implementation in the Central sector are suffering from serious cost and time overruns;

(b) if so, what is the cost overrun of these projects on account of delay in execution; and

(c) the action plan of Government to control the constant time overruns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Out of 563 projects on the monitor, 274 are major projects costing Rs. 100 crore and above. As on 1st February 2004, 106 projects were delayed with respect to the latest approved schedule and had cost overruns.