

and New & Renewable Energy on issues relating to the Power Sector. As regards development of power generation, as per Electricity Act, 2003, generation is a delicensed activity. However, the Government of India facilitates States through setting up of Central Generating Stations and allocation of power to the States from such stations.

24 hours power supply project in Andhra Pradesh

466. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has entered into an agreement with World Bank on 24 hours power supply project in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of loan obtained for this purpose; and
- (d) the time-frame for completion of the project, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (d) As reported by the State Government, a project for facilitating 24x7 power supply in Andhra Pradesh has been approved. The project cost is US\$ 570 million, out of which US\$ 170 million will be Discoms' own investment and US\$ 400 million will be availed by way of loans from World Bank (US\$ 240 million) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (US\$ 160 million).

NTPC power plant in Raebareli

467. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of perfect pre-run technical testing of entire Power Plant and careless quality control during installation, testing and commissioning of Power Plant, we lost 33 precious lives and many got injured at NTPC plant in Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether Government has fixed up any enquiry to find out the responsibilities and negligence etc.;
- (c) the details of the report received from the enquiry committee; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that there was a pressure from Government to start production from NTPC Plant, which made a haste, avoiding some basic safety parameters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The 500 MW Unit-VI at NTPC in Raebareli was synchronized on