

An investment of approx. ₹ 130 crore has been made upto 31.12.2018 by NBPPL, for which ₹ 100 crore has been contributed by its two promoter Companies in the form of equity (*i.e.* ₹ 50 crore each by NTPC Ltd. and by BHEL).

(d) The manufacturing facility of NBPPL at Mannavaram had commenced commercial production from May, 2015.

(e) At present there is no proposal under consideration nor any report available regarding shifting of NBPPL and of its established facilities at Mannavaram (Andhra Pradesh) to Gujarat.

(f) Not Applicable in view of (e) above.

Concern of AIFI on electric vehicles

467. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Indian Forging Industry (AIFI) has expressed concern over the Centre's renewed focus on Electric Vehicles (EVs) as it could wipe the entire industry;

(b) whether the introduction of EVs would have an adverse impact on the Indian forging industry, as 60 per cent of such units were manufacturing auto components; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government to the concern of AIFI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) The Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises have not received such reference from Association of Indian Forging Industry (AIFI).

(b) and (c) The Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises have not carried out any study to assess the impact on Indian forging industry due to introduction of EVs.

However, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturer Association (SIAM) has informed that industry in the manufacture of parts related to engine, gearbox and some of the parts in the transmission system may get affected when electric vehicles would fully replace conventional vehicles. SIAM expect that electrification may happen in a manner that would allow the conventional technologies to co-exist for next 20 years or so. It was further informed that there are parts made through forging process for engine and transmission e.g. for crank shafts, connecting rods, rocker arms, cam shafts, gear blanks, gear shift levers, drive shaft, main shaft, propeller shaft yokes etc.