

Import of Plastics

1015. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on import of plastics in 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) the projection for spending foreign exchange in the next two years on import of plastic raw material; and

(c) the details of various steps taken and the obstacles in the way of increasing supply of plastic from domestic production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). Though precise figures of imports have not been compiled yet, the cost of imports to cover the gaps between demand and domestic availability of plastic raw materials during 1986-87 and 1987-88 is assessed to be around Rs. 170 crores and Rs. 390 crores respectively.

The expenditure on similar imports in 1988-89 and 1989-90 is estimated at Rs. 715 crores and Rs. 900 crores respectively.

(c) Additional capacities for the manufacture of plastic raw materials are being established in the country. In the Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex under implementation by IPCL, which is slated for mechanical completion in 1989, following major polymers will be produced:-

	('000 tonnes)
LDPE	80
HDPE/LLDPE	135
PP	60
Total	275

Committee on Sharing of Power from Central Sector Power Stations Among States

1016. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS:
SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a committee to go into the question of sharing of power from the Central Sector Power Stations among the States;

(b) whether the Committee has completed its work; and

(c) if so, the recommendations of the Committee and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (c). The question of reserving a portion of the electricity generated at Central Power Stations for supply to Central Public Sector Undertakings, primarily in the core sector, has been referred for consideration to a committee on which the State Electricity Boards are represented. The report of the Committee is awaited.

Non Conventional Energy Conference in Delhi

1017. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government convened recently a non-conventional energy conference in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are their recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Govern-