

maintaining such data is to provide useful inputs for important policy decisions of the Government of India and to assist Indian companies in their trade enquiries and actions on the economic front.

DESU TRANSFORMERS

*279. SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK :
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of transformers with the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether DESU propose to introduce the system of mobile power transformers;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated cost involved; and

(e) if not, the other steps taken or proposed to be taken to remove the shortage of transformers ?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) to (e) Recently there has been some shortage of Distribution Transformers with DESU due to contractual problems with the suppliers. DESU has already taken necessary action to ensure regular supply of transformers by the manufacturers, speedy replacement/repairs of transformers which failed within the warranty period. Additional quantities of Transformers commensurate with the requirements are also being acquired. Special drive has also been undertaken to repair damaged transformers at the departmental workshop to supplement the stock. The position regarding availability of transformers is now satisfactory. Provisions of Mobile Transformers already exists at all the six Distribution Circles of DESU to meet the emergency situations.

HINDUSTAN COPPER LIMITED, KHETRI

*280. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the profit earned by the Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) plant at Khetri during the last three years;

(b) the installed capacity, investment made and production in the plant during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal from HCL to expand the plant at Khetri;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government to the proposal of HCL ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The profits earned by Khetri Copper Complex (KCC) during the last three years are as under :

Year	Profit (Rs. in crores)
1990-91	17.98
1991-92	53.67
1992-93	15.60 (provisional)

(b) The total investment made in mines and plants at KCC having a smelter with an installed capacity to produce 31,000 tonnes of refined copper (cathodes) per annum, upto 31-3-1993 is about Rs. 308 crores. The production of cathodes at KCC during the last three years was as under :

Year	Production of refined copper (cathodes)
1990-91	26010 MT
1991-92	32395 MT
1992-93	32545 MT

(c) and (d) Company has conceived a proposal for expanding capacity of the existing smelter from 31,000 tpa to 1 lakh tpa. For this purpose, the company has commissioned a detailed feasibility study which is yet to be finalised.

(e) In the absence of detailed feasibility report, the question does not arise.

STREET LIGHTING IN CAPITAL

2833. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether tubelights/bulbs on most of the roads/streets in the Capital starts blinking after some time and are not replaced in time;