

while agreeing to the change it was specified by NLC and confirmed by the suppliers, that no extra payment shall be made towards the extra cost of the AUDCO valves.

- (iv) Another change which was made pertains to scope of the following works: civil works, erection price and supply of equipment. Initially, "civil works" for which the successful bidder had quoted a lumpsum price of Rs. 58.09 lakhs, included the price for supply of pipe bridge and pipe supports in structural steel, grouting and erection of pipe bridges. Subsequently, however, the work relating to supply and erection of pipe bridge and pipe supports were transferred from "civil works" to "equipment supply" and "erection". As a result, the price under "civil works" was reduced by Rs. 28.60 lakhs and re-allocated to "supply of equipment" (Rs. 23 lakhs) and "erection" (Rs. 5.60 lakhs). This was simply a re-allocation of price and did not affect the contract price in any way.

- (v) A rebate of Rs. 1.30 lakhs has been offered by the successful bidder towards reduction in hardness of BHN of water pumps and certain spares.

(c) No losses have been suffered by the NLC as a result of awarding the ash handling contracts.

(d) Since no losses were suffered by the Corporation, the question does not arise.

Vayudoot Service between Madras and Neyveli

1849. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot service between Madras and Neyveli has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when it is likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot has been forced to reduce its network drastically in various States of the country. There is no proposal to extend the services of Vayudoot.

Gas based Power Plant at Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu

1850. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a gas based power station at Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu utilising the gas found in the Cauvery basin;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, when the construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) had forwarded in October, 1988 a pre-feasibility report for a gas based combined cycle gas turbine plant of 196 MW at Thiya-gavalli village, 8 Km south of Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu based on gas from Cauveri basin. The proposal was not pursued since the gas linkage for this project was not obtained by TNEB. Subsequently the TNEB have proposed a 600 MW Plant at Pillaiyurumallur in Thanjavur district. This project has received techno-economic clearance from CEA in May, 1991 for setting up a 300 MW capacity power plant in phase-I using gas in the Cauvery basin