

has granted foreign collaboration approval under FERA 1973 to M/s Rajasthan Breweries Ltd, for manufacture of beer in technical collaboration with M/s Danbrew Ltd, A/S, Denmark

[*Translation*]

#### Suratgarh Thermal Plant

1927 SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH  
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA  
KAUR (DEEPA)

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether land has been acquired for setting up Suratgarh Thermal Plant in Rajasthan

(b) if so the amount sanctioned for this Plant by the Government for the current financial year and the funds allocated for the next financial year and

(c) the time by which the foundation stone of the said Thermal Plant is likely to be laid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (c) The proposal for installation of Suratgarh Thermal Power Project (2x250) MW has since been sanctioned by the Planning Commission in November '91 at an estimated cost of Rs 1253.31 Crores. An outlay of Rs 2350 Crores was approved for the year 1991-92 for taking up infrastructural works. The approved outlay for 1992-93 for this project is likely to be Rs 50 Crores as proposed by the State Government. The Rajasthan State Electric-

ity Board (RSEB) has identified 835 hectares of land for the Suratgarh Thermal Power Project with an ultimate capacity of 4x250 MW and has proposed to acquire it in Stage-I (2x250 MW) including land for ash disposal, township and railway siding etc. The RSEB had informed the Central Electricity Authority that no difficulty was envisaged in acquisition of land.

[*English*]

#### Production of Electricity through Lignite

1928 DR P VALLAL PERUMAN Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to consider framing a policy to change the generation of electricity by using Lignite available in plenty in South India, and

(b) if so the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) and (b) Government is aware that steady development of lignite resources which are located in States like Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Gujarat, far away from coal deposit is of critical importance for covering power deficits in these States. Neyveli Lignite Corporation has been assigned to play an important role in the development of these resources for power generation depending on availability of appropriate financial resources. During the year, 1991-92, out of the targetted production of 12.32 million tonnes of lignite by Neyveli Lignite Corporation about 11.97 million tonnes is targetted to be utilised by the Corporation, primarily for generation of power.