

power operation is sufficient to off-set the energy required for setting up and operating the station. Our nuclear power programme is based on natural uranium, the energy requirement for which is far less than that for enriched uranium and as such the position would seem to be even better in our case.

#### **Electrification of Villages in Uttar Pradesh**

5656. SHRI S. N. MISRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state,

(a) the total number of villages electrified so far in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Rural Electrification Corporation of India has any plan under consideration for the electrification of rural areas in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the broad outlines of the scheme; and

(d) the financial implications thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) There are 1,12,624 villages in the State of Uttar Pradesh, 30,434 villages had been electrified upto 31-1-1975.

(b) to (d). The Rural Electrification Corporation Limited which has been set up in the Central Sector, does not draw any plans for rural electrification in States. Such plans are drawn by the State Electricity Boards themselves. Assistance from the Corporation is given to individual States depending upon the number of schemes sponsored by them and approved by the Corporation in accordance with the norms and guidelines prescribed by it.

#### **Setting up of a Plant for Gassification of Coal**

5657. SHRI S. N. MISRA:  
SHRI D. D. DESAI:  
SHRI P. GANGADEB:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a plant for gassification of coal; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Government is considering proposals for establishing Low Temperature Carbonisation plants, some of which are for producing domestic Coke as well as gas. A proposal for setting up such a plant in West Bengal based on Raniganj coal, is presently under consideration.

#### **Working of Scooters India Ltd., Lucknow**

5658. SHRI S. N. MISRA. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since inquired into the working of Scooters India Ltd., Lucknow since it was set up;

(b) whether Government have found any irregularities in its working and if so, nature thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve its draw-backs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) The performance of Scooters India Limited has all along been entirely satisfactory. Therefore, there was no need for making any specific enquiry into the work of this unit except for the normal performance and progress review that is