

with Government for LPG connections in the Kottayam district of Kerala;

(b) the number of gas agencies functioning in the district;

(c) whether Government intend to sanction more gas agencies in the district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) On March 1, 1987 approximately 1,260 applications for release of LPG connections were pending in Kottayam District.

(b) There are ten LPG distributorships functioning in the District.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir, The oil industry has plans to open 6 more distributorships in Kottayam District. The details are given as under:

Location

1. Changanacherry
2. Kottayam
3. Vaikom
4. Pampady
5. Erumeli
6. Puthupally

Setting up of Thermal Power Station in Ranipet, Tamil Nadu

8975. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has sent a proposal to set up thermal

power station in Ranipet in North Arcot District of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has proposed the setting up of the plant through private sector; and

(c) if so, action taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Production capacity of Polyester Filament Yarn Manufacturing Units

8976. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1977-78 Government permitted polyester Filament Yarn manufacturers to produce in excess of their licensed capacity, if it resulted out of shift from finer denier base yarn to thicker denier yarn;

(b) if so, the licensed capacity of such units at that time and their actual production during three years thereafter, and

(c) the present licensed capacity of Polyester Filament Yarn manufacturing units and their actual production during the last three Years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given below: