

(d) the main benefits which are estimated to accrue from the plan?

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) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) ONGC has planned to deploy a number of computers of different types at its various work centres for oil exploration during the Seventh Plan period. The computers will be used in the six Regions, Headquarters, KDM Institute of Petroleum Exploration, Dehradun and Institute of Reservoir Studios, Ahmedabad.

(c) The computers would be mostly used for processing of seismic and gravity/magnetic data, analysis of geological data and log samples, and data base management system storage and other business applications

(d) Installation of computers will increase the inhouse capability of processing seismic data and facilitate the oil and gas exploration programme of ONGC.

#### **Contract labourers in BHEL**

9005. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the public sector undertakings like BHEL in Tiruchi, Ranipet, etc. thousand of contract labourers are engaged for doing the sanitary and sewerage work; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to absorb them on permanent basis after some time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): (a) In BHEL Tiruchi & Ranipet Plants, the sanitary work is carried out on work contract basis

by labour Cooperative Societies, who have engaged about 100 persons for this work.

(b) As these persons are not engaged by BHEL, the question of their absorption does not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### **Earmarking of collieries for Bandhav Thermal Power Station**

9006. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to earmark some collieries for supply of coal to the remaining two units of Bandhav Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, the names of the collieries; and

(c) the time by which the final decision will be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c). The logical source of coal for Bandhav Thermal Power Station is Singrauli coalfield. No specific colliery has been earmarked so far for Bandhav Thermal Power Station.

[*English*]

#### **Raising of Funds through Power Bonds by N.T.P.C.**

9007. SHRI D.B. PATIL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation issued power bonds to raise funds to supplement finances for certain power projects; and

(b) if so, the power projects to be financed with the funds so raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.