

Gas based Power Projects in Gujarat

5029. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government had given clearance to some gas based power projects in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the latest position with regard to supply of gas to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The scheme for installation of Combined Cycle Gas Based Plant at Gandhar and Pipavav, with a capacity of 615 MW each, has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority subject to certain conditions. The availability of requisite quantity of gas for the proposed projects is yet to be confirmed.

New Power Plants

5030. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of new power plants undertaken by State Governments and Public Sector Companies during Seventh Plan Period; and

(b) the installed capacity/estimated cost and current status of each plant?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernisation of Kottayam Station

5031. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the modernisation of Kottayam railway station, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the improvements proposed to be undertaken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Modernisation/improvements to the stations is a continuous process and the same is done on a need based programme, subject to availability of funds and depending on the traffic needs. Work of raising of platform level at Kottayam is in progress and work of providing cover over platform No. 2 and 3 is proposed to be taken up during 1990-91 subject to availability of funds.

(c) Does not arise.

Book Stalls on Railway Stations

5032. SHRI RAMDAS SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that book stall contractors on various railway stations sell books at higher rates; and

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

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Over Bridge at Arakkonam Station

5033. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of over bridge near Arakkonam railway station has been approved and funds allo-