

placed on fuel uplift by such cargo charters. There is no proposal to shelve the scheme. —

Naphtha Cracker Complex at Visakhapatnam

1501. SHRI Y. S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval has been given for Naphtha Cracker Complex and other down stream projects at Visakhapatnam;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the date by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) A letter of intent for setting up a 300,000 tpa ethylene capacity naphtha cracker at Visakhapatnam has been issued on 13th October, 1989. Proposals for setting up down stream units of this cracker are under process.

Allotment of Natural Gas to Andhra Pradesh for Power Stations

1502. SHRI Y. S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for the allotment of natural gas from Krishna Godavari Basin for two more power stations of 400 MW; and

(b) if so, the decision taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allocation of 1.5 MMSCMD of gas each has been made for two gas

based power plants of 400 MW each, to be set up in Andhra Pradesh by APSEB and NTPC at Rajahmundry and Kakinada respectively.

Tidal and Hydel Power Projects in Eighth Plan

1503. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO.
PROF. K. V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to expand tidal and hydel power projects in Eighth plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target set for them in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) Government proposes to expand the installed hydel power capacity in the country in the Eighth Plan. No benefits from tidal power projects are, however, envisaged in Eighth Plan.

(b) and (c) The Eighth Five Year has not been finalised by the planning Commission. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the details or the target in respect of installed hydel power capacity addition in the plan.

Crisis in Plastic Industry

1504. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plastic industry is facing crisis;

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the Excise duty exemption on plastics; and