

(SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) No specific proposal to acquire new technologies for generation of power from tidal waves at cheaper rates is under consideration of the Government at present. Investigations on Kachchh tidal project are being carried out by Central Electricity Authority.

Targets of Oil Production

3635. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil companies in the country have requested the Government to slash their crude oil and natural gas productions target for 1991-92 by over six million tonnes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SKHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Oil companies have indicated that there would be shortfalls in the estimated crude oil production for 1991-92 on account of various factors. The revised estimated production figures are yet to be finalised.

Coal Linkage of Thermal Power Plants

3636. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for coal linkages so that every thermal power station is linked to the nearest coal mine; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the coal linkage with each power project in each state?

The DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUA): (a) While deciding the coal linkages efforts are always made to provide coal linkage to the thermal power stations from a rational source. Since coal reserves are limited to the south eastern part of the country it may not always be possible to provide coal linkage from the nearest coalfield.

(b) A statement showing the monthly linkage of coal for thermal power stations for the quarter July-September, 1991 is enclosed.

STATEMENT

(Figures in '000 Tonnes)

| Name of TPS | | Approved Monthly Linkage Total | Name of Company | Source |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| I Northern Region | | | | |
| 1 | Baderpur | 300 | CCL | S. Karanpura |
| | | | CCL | N. Karanpura |
| 2 | I.P. Station | 100 | BCCL | Jharia |
| | | | CCL | S. Karanpura |
| 3 | Rajghat | 40 | BCCL | Jharia |
| | | | CCL | N. Karanpura |
| Total Delhi | | 400 | | |
| 4 | Faridabad | 60 | CCL | S. Karanpura |
| 5 | Paripat | 180 | CCL | Dhoni |
| | | | CCL | S. Karanpura (Kuju) |
| Total Haryana | | 240 | | |
| 6 | Bhatinda | 180 | CCL | North Karanpura |
| | | | CCL | Rajrappa |
| | | | BCCL | Jharia |
| 7 | Roper | 300 | CCL | N. Karanpura |
| 7 | Roper | | CCL | Dhoni |