

Power Plant by ABB

6789. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asea Brown Boveri has decided to set up 235 MW combined cycle power plant at Jegurupadu near Rajamundry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any agreement in this regard has been reached;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work on the project is likely to be started; and

(d) the estimated total cost of the proposed plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. ABB is associated with GVK Industries, the promoter of the Jegurupadu project only as a contractor.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Exports by Aluminium producing Countries

6790. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the major Aluminium producing countries have decided to cut exports to India;

(b) the impact of such a decision on the country's Aluminium Industry; and

(c) the precautionary measures adopted by the Government to curtail sharp increase in Aluminium prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Government have no such information.

(b) No adverse impact is expected as India is an exporter of Alumina and Aluminium.

(c) Government have reduced Excise Duty on Aluminium in the financial year 1993-94 and have proposed further reduction in the budget proposals for 1994-95 to stimulate demand for Aluminium in the Country.

AIR Stations in Kerala

6791. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full fledged stations, relay centres and auxiliary centres of All India Radio in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government have a proposal for the upgradation of some of these radio stations in Kerala;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the proposals for expansion of AIR services in the State during the Eighth Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) There are 6 full fledged radio stations at Calicut, Trichur, Trivandrum, Cochin, Cannanore and Iddukki and a Relay Station at Alleppey working in the State of Kerala.