

due share from National Power Grid in future ?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Power (Shrimati Urmilaben Chmanbhai Patel) :** (a) and (b) The following power projects have been received from State Government of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of techno-economic clearance :

S. No.	Name of the Project	Location	Capacity (MW)
<b>Kerala</b>			
1.	Adirapally (Hydro)	Trichur	2 x 80
2.	Kasarkode DG plant (Thermal)	Kasarkode	70
3.	Kasargode TPS (Thermal)	Kasargode	3 x 500
4.	Kasargode CCGT	Cheemeni	500
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>			
1.	North Madras St.-II (Thermal)	Dist. Chingelcut	2 x 500
2.	Samayanallur D.G. (Thermal)	Dist. Madurai	100
3.	Basin Bridge D.G. (Thermal)	Madras	220
4.	Pillaiperu-Malnallur CCGT (Thermal)	Dist. Thanjavur	300
5.	Srimushnam (Thermal)	Dist. Valladar	2 x 250
<b>Karnataka</b>			
1.	Mangalors TPS (Thermal)	Dist. Dakshin Kannada	4 x 250
2.	Raichur Units 5 & 6 (Thermal)	Dist. Raichur	2 x 210
3.	Yelahanka D.G. Stn. Extn. (Thermal)	Bangalore	2 x 23.4
4.	Torangallu (Thermal)	Dist. Bellary	2 x 120
5.	Mangalore (Thermal)	Mangalore	2 x 500

(c) and (d) With a view to restrict over-drawal of power, instructions have been issued to the constituents of the Southern Grid to maintain grid discipline and not to overdraw. The Southern Regional Electricity Board (SREB) and Powergrid are regularly monitoring the power supply position.

[Translation]

#### GOODS UNIT AT DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

**1821. Shri Bhubaneshwar Prasad Mehta :** Will the

**Minister of Steel** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up finished goods unit at Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**The Minister of State of the Ministry of Steel (Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev) :** (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal with the Government to set up a new production unit to produce finished steel at Durgapur Steel Plant. SAIL is already implementing the Renovation and Technological upgradation (Modernisation) programme of Durgapur Steel Plant.

[English]

#### IRON ORE MINES TO PRIVATE STEEL PLANTS

**1822. Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal :** Will the **Minister of Steel** be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision has been taken by the Government to open the iron ore mines to the private sector plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

**The Minister of State of the Ministry of Steel (Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev) :** (a) and (b) Under the National Mineral Policy, 1993 the private sector can take up mining of iron ore.

#### REPAIRING OF ROADS IN KERALA

**1823. Shri Mullappally Ramchandran :** Will the **Minister of Surface Transport** be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken and allocation made for the repair/maintenance of roads on the National Highways in Kerala in preparation for the onset of Monsoons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any work on the roads in Kerala have been undertaken since the onset of Monsoons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**The Minister of State of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Shri Jagdish Tytler) :** (a) to (d) Maintenance and repair of National Highways is a continuous process. However, State P.W.D. has been advised to arrange required work before the onset of the monsoon. During 1995-96, a sum of Rs. 303.50 Lakh (upto June, 1995) has been released for maintenance and repairs.

#### CHINESE BASE FACILITIES IN BAY OF BENGAL

**1824. Shrimati Bibhu Kumari Devi :** Will the **Minister of External Affairs** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Chinese have secured base facilities in Burmese ports of Haingyi, Coco Islands and Mergui;