

stations. Similarly, the fuel cost per unit for the naphtha based power stations is higher than the gas-based power stations.

(b) and (c). An Inter-Ministerial Group set up by the Planning Commission, in June 1988, to consider the possibility of setting up of gas-based power generation units on a priority basis had recommended the setting up of various gas-based power projects aggregating to a capacity of 3930 MW.

(d) During the Eighth Five Year Plan period, a total capacity addition of about 7485 MW is envisaged from the gas-based power projects. These include the various projects identified by the Inter-Ministerial Group set up by the Planning Commission.

New Power Projects

128. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision in regard to power projects to be undertaken during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the details of projects to be undertaken in each State; and

(c) the allocation made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The information is being compiled and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Power in Bihar

129. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious situation has arisen as a result of the severe power cut in Bihar;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Union Government to solve the problem of power shortage;

(c) whether any plan has been prepared in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Bihar faced a power shortage of 12.9% during the period April, 1989 to February, 1990. There are no notified power cuts in Bihar and the power shortages are met by resorting to restrictions/load shedding depending upon day-to-day availability of power.

(b) to (d). Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Bihar include maximising the generation from the existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation programme of thermal power stations, reduction in T & D losses, effective load management and conservation of energy etc. Assistance from the neighbouring systems in the Eastern Region and the Northern Grid is also made available to Bihar whenever system conditions are conducive to such transfer.

[*Translation*]

Dulhasti Hydel Power Project

131. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction work on Dulhasti Hydro Power Project in Jammu & Kashmir has started;

(b) if so, the progress made so far;

(c) whether the project is expected to be completed as per schedule and the cost on