

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for providing these facilities at these stations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Catering facilities at these stations are considered adequate. Amenities at stations are provided, as per norms, based on the volume of traffic dealt with. The amenities provided at Basti, Mhow, Shahganj and Jaunpur stations are considered adequate for the level of traffic dealt with at present:

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

#### **Kawas Thermal Project**

4220. SHRI CHITTA BASU:  
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:  
SHRI YADVENDRA DATT:  
SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY:  
SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to award the Kawas Thermal Project to a French Firm;

(b) whether the role of this firm earlier in the Dulhasti Power project was under investigation; and

(c) if so, the reasons for awarding the contract to this firm?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). While the

contract for the World Bank assisted Kawas gas based power project has been awarded by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), to M/s. GEC-Alsthom, SA for the foreign supplies and to M/s. Alsthom Export for the services to be performed in India, the contract for the execution of the Dulhasti Hydro-electric Project has been awarded by the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) to a consortium of firms led by M/s. CGEE Alsthom (now CEGELC) after taking all the relevant factors into account

#### **Central Investment in Public Sector**

4221. DR. K. KALIMUTHU:  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of central public sector units set up during the last ten years;

(b) the total central investment therein during this period State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for difference, if any, in investment in Tamil Nadu and other States?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) 70 new Central Public Sector Enterprises have been set up during the last 10 years.

(b) During this period investment of Rs. 80912.59 crores, in terms of gross block has been made in various States. The comparative statewise investment statement is given below.

(c) Investment in Central Public Sector Enterprises is made on techno economic considerations keeping in view the need for overall balanced regional development.