

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS : (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, exploration for hydrocarbons is continuing in this basin.

Housing facility to labourers in Coal Mines

681. **SHRI G. BHOOPATHY :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of labourers engaged in the coal mines in the country; and

(b) the number of labourers who have been provided with housing facility ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). The total number of labourers engaged in the coal mines in the country exceeds seven and-a-half lakhs, out of which 6,58,900 are in Coal India Limited as on 1.6.86. It is estimated that nearly 2.90 lakhs of these have been provided houses, including non-standard houses. The housing satisfaction in Coal India Ltd. is 42.5%.

Expenditure on Ramagundam Super Thermal Project

682. **SHRI G. BHOOPATHY :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated expenditure on Ramagundam Super Thermal Project; and

(b) the amount already spent and the present capacity of production of the plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) The

total estimated cost of the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project (3×200 MW + 3×500 MW) including associated transmission system, is Rs. 1918.00 crores.

(b) Upto June, 1986 approximately Rs. 977.29 crores have been spent on this project. Three units of 200 MW each with a total capacity of 600 MW have been commissioned so far.

Setting up of Aromatic Complex at Cochin

683. **SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala regarding the Aromatic Complex at Cochin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been made to determine the feasibility of the proposal; and

(d) the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). Suggestions about setting up of an Aromatics Complex in Kerala have been received from time to time. In this regard approval has already been accorded to M/s Cochin Refineries Limited for installation of an Aromatics plant with facilities for production of 87,200 tonnes per annum of Benzene at Cochin.

L.P.G. Cylinders manufacturing units in Kerala

684. **SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of L.P.G. cylinder manufacturing units in India;