

(c) the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A moratorium has been granted on the repayment of the outstanding amount of loan for a period of two years.

[English]

#### **Introduction of 'Time of Day' tariff scheme**

2280. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation proposes to introduce 'Time of Day' (TOD) tariff scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its effect on the domestic consumers and the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Time of Day (TOD) tariff is yet to be negotiated by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) with the State Electricity Boards who make bulk power purchases from the Corporation. The effect of introduction of TOD tariff on domestic and industrial consumers will depend upon the tariff policy of the State Electricity Boards as the NTPC do not supply power directly to such consumers.

#### **Gas from HBJ Pipeline for Power Generation**

2281. SHRI I. RAMA RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether Government have any plans to divert part

of the natural gas to be carried through HBJ pipeline and earlier earmarked for fertilizer production for power generation through new power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : Delays are indicated in the commissioning of some of the downstream projects along the HBJ Pipeline and, therefore, alternative uses of gas, including for power generation, are being explored

#### **Sick Sugar Mills**

2282. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA:  
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick sugar mills in the country in private, public and cooperative sectors, State-wise and sector-wise, and since when these mills have been closed down;

(b) whether it is a fact that sickness of mills is one of the reasons to decreasing production of sugar;

(c) the Government's policy to take over these sick mills;

(d) the names of sick sugar mills so far taken over by Union Government; and

(e) the Government's policy in regard to establishing more sugar mills in public, private and cooperative sectors during the Seventh Five Year Plan to meet the increasing demand of sugar in the country and to avoid import?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). The Sugar Industry, being a seasonal industry, subject to fluctuations due to a number of factors including agro-climatic factors, the Department of Food