

Bonds for Bakreswar Thermal Power Project

87. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA :
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have refused permission to float Bonds for the Bakreswar Thermal Power Project ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such refusal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b) The present scheme of floating Bonds introduced by the Central Government is confined to Central Public Sector Undertakings, primarily in the infrastructure fields. The question of extending the facility to financially viable State Undertakings in similar fields will be decided by Government after sufficient experience has been gained in the operation of the scheme and in the light of the overall resources position of the Central Government in relation to its commitments.

Conservation on Energy

88. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMAMURTY :

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the measures envisaged for conservation of energy in the country; and

(b) the results yielded so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) The measures envisaged for conservation of energy

in the country mainly include :

- Energy audits in industrial units to determine the pattern of energy consumption, identify areas where the energy efficiency can be improved and suggest ways to achieve this improvement.
- Reporting of energy consumption figures by industrial consumers and fixation of industry-wise/plant-wise norms.
- Training of Energy Managers and Energy Auditors.
- Promoting use of energy saving devices through grant of fiscal incentives etc.
- Modification of ISI specifications pertaining to various energy driven appliances to denote minimum levels of energy efficiency.
- Encouraging the use of equipment and machinery conforming to standard specifications.
- Rectification of inefficient agricultural pumpsets.
- Awareness campaign to educate and guide consumers.
- Reduction of T & D losses.
- Encouraging the manufacture of fuel efficient transport vehicles.
- Programme of improved Chulhas (wood stoves).
- Propagation of systems based on Solar, wind and bio-mass energy.
- Promotion of Research & Development in energy conservation technologies.

(b) In the case of the demonstration programme of rectification of agricultural pumpsets funded by the Government,