

(b) the capacity of those plants; and

(c) the amount invested by the Central Electricity Authority in those plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) No power generating plant is operated by the Central Electricity Authority.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Plant load factor achieved in thermal power stations.

1489. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the plant load factor achieved in Singrauli, Korba, Ramagundam and Badarpur thermal power stations during the period April-September, 1987; and

(b) the reasons for variations in achievements, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) Details of PLF achieved in Singrauli, Korba, Ramagundam and Badarpur Thermal Power Stations during April-September, 1987 are as under :—

Station	P.L.F.(%)
Singrauli	77.1
Korba	69.6
Ramagundam	64.5
Badarpur	56.8

(b) The variation in the Plant Load Factor of different thermal stations arise on account of various reasons which include unavailability due to forced outage and planned maintenance shut-down,

system load conditions, age of the plant etc.

Special fund to finance research projects on risk-sharing basis with industry

1490. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have decided to establish a special fund to finance research projects on a risk-sharing basis with industry ;

(b) whether Directorate General of Technical Development has identified the areas where research could be undertaken;

(c) whether the fund would be available for indigenisation of existing industries, besides developing new technologies; and

(d) whether DGTD has technology bank monitoring mechanism, supported by strong management system, to help domestic industry to develop indigenous technology ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No decision has been taken in the Ministry of Industry for establishment of Special Fund to finance Research Projects on a risk-sharing basis with industry.

(b) and (d) DGTD is actively engaged, inter alia, in the promotion of industrial and technological development, technology upgradation, identification of technology gaps and, through them, areas of further development and research, import substitution etc. It maintains a close interaction with the industry and entrepreneurs.

(c) As no decision has yet been taken on the establishment of the Fund, it is not possible to indicate its application.