

based on the demand projected for 126 important bulk drugs. These demand projections are proposed to be reviewed during the current year. All efforts would be made to achieve the revised production and investment targets fixed after such a review.

(c) The Government have already taken the following measures to increase the production of drugs in the country.

(1) A large number of industrial approvals have been granted and their implementation is closely monitored and steps taken to resolve problems if any, in implementation

(2) Steps are being taken to increase the production of bulk drugs and formulations in the public sector by improving the capacity utilisation.

(3) The schemes for automatic growth, recognition of installed capacities and the scheme for re-endorsement of higher capacities based on the best production performance have been extended to the drug industry, subject to certain conditions. Additional measures, if any needed will be taken to achieve the Sixth Five-Year Plan targets.

Thermal Plant at Raichur

2618. SHRI D. K. NAIKAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of the Thermal Plant at Raichur in Karnataka State;

(b) what are the difficulties faced in completing the Project; and

(c) what is the stipulated period within which the project will be completed and start generating power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Raichur Thermal Power Project comprises two

units of 210MW each. Boiler erection of both the units is in progress. About 50 per cent and 8 per cent erection work has been completed in respect of Boilers for Units I & II respectively. Boiler drum of Units I & II were lifted in January, 1982 and September, 1982, respectively. Infra-structural works including railway siding have been completed. Works on structural steel erection of TG Hall, TG pedestral etc. are in progress. Works on other areas such as Chimney, Cooling tower, CW system, Coal Handling Plant, Water Treatment Plant and Ash Handling Plant etc., are also in progress.

(b) (i) Slow rate of progress in execution of civil works by the contracting agencies.

(ii) Delay in placement of orders for auxiliary equipments.

(iii) Delay in the finalisation of Engineering details by consultants.

(c) As per the latest assessment of CEA, Units I & II of the project are expected to be commissioned in June, 1984 and February, 1985, respectively.

Release of new gas connections

2619. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared that they will issue at least 1 lakh new L.P.G. connections during the year 1982-83 per month;

(b) if so, the number of new connections released during the last six months, month-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of registrations made for new connections upto 31st March, 1982, State-wise; and

(d) whether any target has been fixed for completing the outstanding registration before starting new registration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI