

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

#### **Felling of Trees in Bihar**

5733. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the felling of trees in the forests of tribal areas of southern Bihar is adversely affecting the environment;

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Government with a view to improve the environment during the last two years; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to check felling of trees and details of the talks held with the Government of Bihar in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Privatisation in Power Sector**

5734. SHRI DAROGA PRASAD SAROJ. Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been received by the Government from private companies to generate the power;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of proposals approved and the proposals on which the action has already been taken?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Since the inception of the private power policy of the Government of India in 1991 and to date, 126 proposals have been received for setting up off power projects in the private sector. These include 95 proposals on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Letter of Intent (LoI), etc. Route costing above Rs. 100 crores and 31 proposals on the competitive bidding route costing more than Rs. 1000 crores. As on date, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has accorded techno-economic clearance to 44 projects for which complete Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) had been received. As per information available, the following private power projects cleared by CEA have been set up and have commenced generation:

Sl.No.	Name of the project/location	Capacity (MW)
1.	Hazira Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt. Surat, Gujarat	515
2.	Baroda Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt. Baroda, Gujarat	167
3.	Paguthan Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt. Bharn, Gujarat	655*
4.	Jegurupadu Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt. East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh	216
5.	Godavari Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt. East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh	208

\*only 414 MW has been commissioned so far.