

Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) and High Sulphur Fuel Oil (HSFO) based power plants in the country, State-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether power plants set up with these fuels have lower shelf life and energy output in comparison to the units using either coal or natural gas; and

(c) if so, the action taken on the conclusions of the study conducted by the Planning Commission in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The Details of the Power Stations run on different types of Oil are as under :

S.No.	Name of Power Stations	State
1.	Pampore GT	J & K
2.	Dhuvran 5-6	Gujarat
3.	Yelhanka D	Karnataka
4.	Bramhapura	Kerala
5.	Narimanam	Tamil Nadu
6.	Maithon GT	West Bengal
7.	West Bengal G	West Bengal
8.	Kasba GT	West Bengal
9.	Chandrapur	Assam

In addition to above existing Power Stations, National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. is implementing Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Power Project in Kerala, based on Naphtha as main fuel.

(b) The self life of power plant does not depend on the type of fuel used. It depends on the type of turbine installed. Liquid fuel can either be converted as gas or steam to run turbines. A gas run turbine has a shelf life of 15 years whereas a steam run turbine, the shelf life is 25 years, equal to coal based power plant. However, energy output is more in gas based turbine than coal based steam turbine.

(c) Planning Commission has recently taken up a study on computation of cost of generation of electricity with various alternative fuels. The study is yet not finalised.

[Translation]

Scholarships for Studying Abroad

180. SHRI RAMSHAKAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scholarships are provided by the Government to the students going abroad for studying;

(b) if so, the criteria laid down in this regard; and

(c) the number of such scholarships given during 1996-97 alongwith the total amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) The Department of Education does not provide, of its own scholarships to the students for studies abroad. However, the Department receives offers of scholarships and fellowships from a few countries under Cultural Exchange and other Programmes for studies abroad. Nominations against these offers received from the donor countries are being made by the Department. The final selection for awards rests with the donor countries. The selection for nominations is made on the basis of merit by Selection Committee constituted for the purpose.

[English]

Kaziranga National Park

181. SHRI K.S. RAO :
SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH :
SHRI NADENDLA BHASKAR RAO :
SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL :
SHRI KAMALNATH :
SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU :
SHRI C.D. GAMIT :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of animals died in Kaziranga National Park and the extent of damage caused to the park due to recent floods;

(b) the estimated number of animals in the park before flood;

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Government for rescue operations and the amount spent out of the allotted amount;

(d) whether there are reports that the amount is not being utilised properly;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the stringent steps taken by the Government to protect this Park?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) As per the reports received from the Director, Kaziranga National Park, 651 animals have died during the recent floods. The floods have caused intense damage to infrastructural facilities like communication, wooden bridges, wireless network, country boats, High lands etc.