New Power Policy

5060. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "New plan for power sector is on the anvil" appearing in the 'Time of India' dated 21st March, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent and the quantum of power to be generated during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Bank Loan for Higher Education

5061. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some nationalised banks have granted bank loan to the students seeking engineering and medical education in Uttar Pradesh specially in the backward and rural areas during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of the nationalised banks which have not been providing loan;

(d) the reasons thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to grant loan for the above purpose through all the branches of nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (e) The Information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Generation of Power in Rajasthan

5062. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of power stations/sub-stations in Rajasthan at present;

(b) the power generated by each power station during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the generation capacity of these power stations; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) In Rajasthan the total number of power stations and sub-stations is 8 and 22 (220 KV & above) respectively. The year-wise electricity generation in each of the power stations in Rajasthan during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d) Kota TPS unit I & II of 110 MW each is covered under Renovation & Modernisation programme phase-II for increasing the Plant Load Factor of the units which in turn amounts to augmentation of existing capacity of these units.

Statement			
Station/Type	1994-95 Actual (MU)	1995-96 Actual (MU)	1996-97 Actual (MU)
R.S.E.B.			
Thermal			
Kota	4276	5216	5638
Ramgarh (GT)	0	16	75
Total	4276	5232	5713
Hydro			
R.P. Sagar	598	625	694
Jawahar Sagar	443	443	481
Mahi Bajaj	419	331	363
Small Hydro	13	6	9
Total	1473	1405	1547
Total (R.S.E.B.)	5749	6637	7260
N.T.P.C.			
Anta	2339	2607	2654
Nuclear			
N.P.C.			
RAPS	381	0	0
Total Rajasthan			
Thermal	66 15	7839	8367
Nuclear	381	0	0
Hydro	1473	1405	1547
Total	8469	9244	9914

[English]

Oil Pool Account

5063. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to devise a new role for the Oil Coordination Committee (OCC); and