

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Central financial assistance is allocated to the States on the basis of Modified Gadgil Formula

in the form of block loans/grants and is not allocated to specific projects/programmes. However, Power Finance Corporation has so far advanced loans to Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board for these projects as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

<i>Name of the Project</i>	<i>PFC's loan upto June 1991</i>	
	<i>Sanctioned</i>	<i>Disbursed</i>
<i>Thermal Projects</i>		
1. Sanjay Gandhi TPS	65.00	47.45
2. Sanjay Gandhi TPS Extn.	38.82	38.69
3. Pench	26.10	26.10
<i>Hydel Projects</i>		
4. Bansagar Tones	15.32	15.31
5. Birsingh Pur	1.70	1.70
6. Hasdeo-Bango	5.00	4.96

Capacity utilisation of Neyveli Lignite Corporation

1840. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise targets fixed and production of lignite achieved by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation during 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 against the targets fixed, year-wise;

(b) the cost of production per tonne of lignite during each of these three years and its comparative cost with the production of coal;

(c) the installed capacity of the Neyveli power station and the capacity utilised during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(d) the requirement of lignite by the power station during the last three years;

(e) whether the requirement has been met in full or whether the power station is consuming oil for power generation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI (S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The year-wise targets fixed and the actual production of lignite achieved by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. during the last three years are as under:

(Lakh Tonnes)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Actual</i>
1988-89	104.60	114.05
1989-90	104.60	112.36
1990-91	110.00	117.59

(b) The average cost of production per tonne of lignite (in NLC) and coal (in CIL) during the last three years is given below:

(Rs./Tonne)

	Lignite (NLC)	Coal (CIL)
1988-89	146.03	252.91
1989-90	173.82	264.69
1990-91	189.92	277.17

(c) *Installed capacity**Capacity utilisation
(against target)*

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1230 MW (upto August, 1990) 1220 MW (from September, 1990)	118.10%	106.75%	106.0%

(d) to (f) The lignite requirement of power stations at Neyveli during the last three years, as indicated below, was met in full:

(Lakh tonnes)

1988-89	80.10
1989-90	85.49
1990-91	86.27

However, limited quantity of oil is essentially required for stabilisation and also for start up/shut down of power plants. The consumption of oil is given below:

1988-89	24870.24	KL
1989-90	28054.67	KL
1990-91	18498.24	KL

[Translation]

Techno-economic approval to Korba Power Plant

1841. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether techno-economic approval has been granted by the Central

Electricity Authority for the expansion of unit No. 5 and 6 of Korba Power Plant; and

(b) if so, the time by which the financial approval is likely to be granted by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approval of the scheme is being processed in the Planning Commission.

Container Service

1842. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any steep fall in home container service of the Railways during last two years:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to improve the functioning of container service?