

tion and actual expenditure incurred were Rs. 56.03 crores and Rs. 56.44 crores respectively.

(b) Under the National Project for Biogas Development (NPBD), over 1.65 lakh biogas plants have been set up. In addition, over 700 community/institutional biogas plants have been set up. There are no categories for installation of biogas plants under NPBD.

(c) and (d) A study conducted by the National Council for Applied Economic Research has shown that out of over 5000 NPBD biogas plants surveyed in 10 States/UT, about 79% were found working. An evaluation has shown that by and large the community/institutional biogas plants are also working satisfactorily.

NPBD = National Project for Biogas Development.

UT = Union Territories.

Bio-Gas Plant at Ajit Singh Nagar, A. P.

4651. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Bio-gas plant at Ajit Singh Nagar in Vijayawada district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost of the plant; and

(c) the stage at which this scheme stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (c) A proposal of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation for setting up a Sewage Gas Utilisation System was agreed to by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (DNES) in March, 1987. The estimated cost of the project was Rs. 28 lakhs and DNES had agreed to contribute Rs. 19.6 lakhs as grant-in-aid. In January, 1990, the project cost was revised to Rs. 46 lakhs including a DNES grant of Rs. 25 lakhs. The Municipal Corporation even now delayed implementation of the project and sought a still further increase in the project outlay and the grant-in-aid. This was not found acceptable by DNES and the Department has been constrained to withdraw its grant-in-aid.

Coal Supply to Super Thermal Power Station at Manuguru

4652. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of Coal likely to be produced in the coming years upto 1994-95;

(b) whether the Government have considered the feasibility of coal linkage from Manuguru coalfields to the proposed Super thermal power station at Manuguru;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?