GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4390 ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000 POWER PROJECTS BY AMERICAN COMPANIES AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA;ANANTRAO GUDHE;MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement in the power sector has been signed during the recent Clinton's visit to India;

(c) the extent to which the agreement is likely to help in improving the sagging power situation in the country;

(d) whether any power plants by the American companies are proposed to be set up in the country as per the agreement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. A Joint Statement on cooperation in Energy and Environment between India and United States of Americawas signed at Agra on 22.3.2000. The main objective of the Joint Statement is to intensify further cooperation in the fields of clean energy and environment protection. The Joint Statement also envisages collaborative efforts in research, development, demonstration and transfers of clean energy and renewable energy technologies and for improving efficiency in production and consumption of energy from conventional resources. Progress in these areas can enhance availability of power and increase productivity and efficiency. In order to pursue the goals indicated in the Joint Statement, India and the United States intend to create a Joint Consultative Group on Clean Energy and Environment to foster greater bilateral cooperation, Government to Government dialogue and further encourage public and private sector cooperation in these sectors.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.