GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1701 ANSWERED ON:09.03.2007 DABHOL POWER PROJECT Mane Smt. Nivedita

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of three units of Dabhol Power Plant, only one unit is functioning at present ;

(b) if so, whether the Maharashtra Government has sought assistance from the Union Government to open the remaining units;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Power Block-II (740 MW) was restarted in April, 2006 and is currently under operation on Naphtha and supplying infirm power to the Maharashtra grid.

(b)to(d) : The schedule for revival of the two remaining power blocks is subject to availability of gas. Based on the indications given by M/s. Petronet LNG Ltd./GAIL (India) Ltd., the revival of Power Block-III(740 MW) has been preponed and is now planned for April, 2007 and Power Block-I (670 MW) is planned for November, 2007, on best efforts basis.