Written Answers

1	2	3	4	5
26.	A & N Islands	165.00	1211.00	1106.00
27.	Chandigarh	1943.00	585.00	10000.00
28.	D & N Haveli	734.00	594.00	662.90
29.	Daman & Diu	245.00	430.00	446.00
30.	Delhi	14400.00	28150.00	18100.80
31.	Lakshdweep	264.00	264.00	-
32.	Pondicherry	940.00	1351.00	1319.40
	India	1585652.00	2567636.00	2705211.60

Counter-Guarantee to Fast Track Project

1236. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have likely signed a counter-guarantee to the third fast track power project, after the ENRON and the GVK project;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of fast track power projects still pending for issuance of such counter guarantees by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) During the month of August, 1998 the Government have issued counterguarantee in the case of the Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project (1040 MW) of M/s Hinduja National Power Company Limited (HNPCL) in Andhra Pradesh, Bhadravati Thermal Power Project (1082 MW) of M/s Central India Power Company (CIPCO) in Maharashtra and 250 MW single unit lignite based Neyveli Thermal Power Project of M/s ST-CMS Electric Company in Tamil Nadu.

(c) Counter guarantee has not been issued for the 1000 MW Mangalore power project of M/s Mangalore Power Company. The Government of India has decided that further steps for issue of counter guarantee for this project would be taken once the decision of the Supreme Court on the SLP filed by Government of Karnataka against the judgment of High Court of Karnataka in the Public Interest Writ Petition No. 10696/97 is available. Apart from this, the issue of counter guarantee to Ib Valley power project of M/s AES Transpower in Orissa, for which counter guarantee was issued earlier, may have to

be considered afresh as the project parameters have undergone changes.

[Translation]

Gas Based Power Projects

1237. SHRI RAMSHAKAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of gas based power projects/ stations in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to enhance the power generation capacity of each project/ station; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The number of gas turbine power projects/stations in the country, as on 31-3.1998, State-wise is given in the attached statement.

(b) and (c) There is a proposal to enhance the capacity of the following existing stations:-

SI.No.	Name of the Project	State
1.	Peguthan CCGT	Gujarat
2.	Kawas CCPP	Gujarat
3.	Gandhar CCPP	Gujarat
' 4 .	Agartola GT	Tripura
5 .	Kathalguri CCGT	Assam
6.	Anta CCPP	Rajasthan
7.	Auraiya CCPP	Uttar Pradesh

Statement

State-wise details of gas turbine power projects/ stations in the country

Name of the State	Number of Power Stations
Jammu & Kashmir	1*
Rajasthan	2
Delhi	1
Uttar Pradesh	2
Gujarat	8
Maharashtra	2
Andhra Pradesh	3
Tamil Nadu	2
West Bengal	3*
Bihar	1*
Assam	7
Tripura	3

* Liquid Fuel

[English]

"TB in Sariska Tiger Reserve"

1238. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "TB like disease threatens big cats" appearing in The 'Hindustan Times' dated September 4, 1998;
 - (b) if so, the fact of the matter reported therein;
 - (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to check the spread of this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The news-item has reported death of seven tigers and five leopards due to different reasons in Sariska Tiger Reserve since 1994, of which most of the dead big cats reportedly had the symptoms of a disease similar to tuberculosis.
- (c) and (d) Official informations received from Rajasthan Government confirms death of three tigers

in Sariska caused by tuberculosis/hepatitis during the last three years. The carnivores are considered to the comparatively resistant to tuberculosis, but some cases are reported from various parks of tigers getting infected with bovine tuberculosis. Intensive veterinary care of the domestic livestock and screening out of tuberculosis infected animals from the sanctuary is one of the most important components of action plan to check the spread of the disease. Detection of disease and treatment in the wild lead to large number of mortalities.

Reorganisation of Disaster Management Machinery

1239. SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE : SHRI S.S. OWAISI :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether an advance weather forecasting warning was issued to the people of affected areas in Andhra Pradesh and other parts of the country about the recent devastating sea storm, rain and cyclone;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to reorganise the disaster management machinery and advance forecasting on natural calamities; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have been two cyclones in the Bay of Bengal recently. The first cyclone formed on 14th November in the Bay, moved in a northwesterly direction and intensified into a very severe cyclonic strom (Hurricane Intensity) and crossed Andhra Pradesh coast close to Visakhapatnam in the evening of 15th November. Adequate and timely cyclone alerts and warnings were issued by India Meteorological Department to the State Government and electronic media. Also adequate precautions were taken to put Government machinery on maximum alert about the devastating impact of cyclone and create public awareness by electronic media. Hourly bulletins were issued by IMD to All India Radio for broadcasting by interrupting their current programmes and to Doordarshan for scrolling.

The other cyclone was formed over Bay of Bengal on 20th November, 1998. It moved in a northerly direction, intensified into a very severe cyclonic strom (Hurricane intensity) on 21st November. It further moved in a north northeasterly direction and crossed