

the reasons for not conducting an enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Butadiene and Styrene are both listed under OGL in the current import policy. Users of these items, therefore, import them directly at prices negotiated directly with the suppliers.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[English]

Vizzaswaram Gas Based Power Plant

1950. SHRIMATI J. JAMUNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have accorded sanction for the supply of natural gas to the second Unit of the Vizzaswaram gas based power generation unit in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b). As per present indications, about 1.5 million cubic meters per day of gas is likely to be available to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) for power generation from Krishna Godavari Basin. The APSEB have proposed to set up 400 MW Combined Cycle gas-based thermal power station in Krishna Godavari Basin. Accordingly, the project report for 3x100 MW gas-based thermal power station at Vijeswaram Stage-

II and 3x100 MW thermal power station near Rajamundri are being revised to the capacity of 400 MW by the APSEB. The revised project reports are awaited from the APSEB.

Gas-Based Power Projects of Tamil Nadu

1951. SHRI P. R. S. VENKATESAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has proposed for generating power through gas based projects in Tamil Nadu by using large quantity of gas available in Cauvery basin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any schemes in the Eighth Plan for setting up of such projects in Tamil Nadu and in other States; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b). At present, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) have no proposal for generating power through gas based power project in Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d). During the 8th Five Year Plan period, a total capacity addition of about 7485 MW is envisaged from the gas based power projects. The details of the various gas based power projects expected to yield benefits during the Eighth Plan period are given in the statement given below.