

(b) if so, the total number of Westland Helicopters imported from U.K. since the inception of the deal and the amount spent thereon including foreign exchange;

(c) the outcome of the report of the Committee set up to go into the feasibility of continuing operations with this fleet; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pawan Hans Limited has imported 21 Westland Helicopters fitted with Rolls Royce Engines at a cost of £ 65 million. This cost of acquisition was covered by an outright grant given by the British Government. Separately, Pawan Hans has paid £5 million for import of six spare Rolls Royce Engines and accessories.

(c) and (d). The Hussainy Committee is due to submit its report by the 31st March, 1990.

Supply of LPG in Delhi and NOIDA

*8. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been short supply of LPG in Delhi and NOIDA during the last three months and the consumers are not getting their gas cylinders refilled even after two to three weeks of placing the order; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the short and/or delayed supply and the remedial steps taken by the oil companies to remove the shortage and delay in gas supply in Delhi, NOIDA and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). A temporary shortage in the supply of LPG refills was reported in some pockets of the Union Territory of Delhi and NOIDA on account of increase in demand during winter and shortfall in the bulk availability of LPG, apart from the delivery-men's strike in East Delhi. With the measures already taken, the situation has since improved considerably. Efforts are being made to maximise indigenous LPG production and also augment supplies through imports. The situation is being closely monitored to ensure regular supplies to the consumers.

Power Projects with Multilateral Aid in Eighth Plan

*9. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to speed up the power projects in Eighth Plan with multilateral aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated cost of such power projects, separately; and

(d) the share of Indian investment in each such project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (d). Details of the power projects being executed with multilateral aid which are expected to yield benefits during the Eighth Plan are as follows:—