

**Availability of Gas for Industrial Purposes
in Andhra Pradesh**

*378. SHRI GOPAL KRISHNA THOTA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has not given any technical details to the Andhra Pradesh Government about the natural gas available in Andhra Pradesh for industries ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether officials of the Commission have issued statements calling upon the interested parties to utilise gas ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes Sir, during the meeting held on 7.8.1985 at Rajhamundry and on 28.7.86 at Madras, prospective consumers of this gas were informed about the technical details of the extended production scheme, the composition of gas and the uses for which this gas can be put.

**Recommendations of Arjun Sen Gupta
Committee**

*379. DR. A.K. PATEL :
SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the main recommendations made by Arjun Sen Gupta Committee on Public Undertakings ;

(b) the action taken on recommendations accepted by Government ; and

(c) the recommendations not accepted by Government and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, see No. LT-3078/86]

Performance of Power Stations

*380. DR. G.S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have recently expressed serious concern over the poor performance of the power stations in Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Orissa, U.P. and West Bengal ;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held in this regard with the respective States ; and

(c) the steps proposed by Union Government to improve the utilisation of existing capacities of power stations in these States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (c). A conference of Power Ministers of Assam, U.P., West Bengal, Haryana, Orissa & Bihar was convened on 15th July, 1986. Discussions were held on various matters which have a bearing on improving power availability such as expeditious commissioning of new projects, better utilisation of existing capacity and reduction in transmission & distribution losses. The measures taken to improve the performance of thermal stations include implementation of the Centrally sponsored renovation and modernisation scheme, upgradation of the skills of operation and maintenance staff of power stations, early stabilisation of the newly commissioned units, and reduc-