

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Thermal Power Plant at Hospet in Karnataka

*165. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to set up a thermal power plant at Hospet in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned any funds for that project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):

(a) No proposal in regard to the setting up of a thermal power plant at Hospet in Karnataka has been received in the Central Electricity Authority from the State authorities.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Drilling for Oil and Gas in Andhra Pradesh

*166. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the recent developments in the on-shore and off-shore drilling in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) how these sources are expected to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) During the period April, 1988 to February, 1989 ONGC drilled 13 wells in onland and five wells offshore of the Krishna-Godavari Basin. These drilling efforts resulted in the discovery of three new oil/gas prospects as under:—

Chintalapalli — Gas

Mandapetta — Gas

Bantumilli — Gas and Oil

Besides this, oil and gas was also located in the wells on already discovered prospects.

(b) The gas resources are being utilised for various industrial uses. Commitment of gas for a power plant of APSEB has been made; a commitment in principal has also been made for a fertilizer plant at Kakinada.

Shortage of Power in Northern States

*168. SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern States faced shortage of power in recent weeks leading to frequent breakdowns and losses to industrial and agricultural production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to ensure regular supply of power to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):

(a) Power supply position in the Northern States during the months of January, 1989