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[*English*]

IB Thermal Power Plant

9. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to shift the site of the IB thermal power plant in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). IB Valley Thermal Power Project, comprising four units of 210 MW, was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in April, 1987 for implementation in the State Sector. The units 1&2 are under implementation. No proposal has been received from the State authorities to shift the site of the project.

Programme on Improved Chulhas

10. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of improved chulhas installed since the national programme on improved chulhas was launched; and

(b) the target fixed for installation of chulhas in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Imp.oved Chulha Programme was launched in December, 1983 and since then about 84 lakhs improved chulhas have been installed all over

the country upto the end of March, 1990.

(b) The target for the year 1990-91 is 18.27 lakh improved chulhas.

[*Translation*]

Bridge over Ganga from Pahleja to Digha

11. SHRI LALBABOO RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for the construction of a railway bridge over Ganga river from Pahleja to Digha (Bihar) for linking North Bihar with Patna is pending since two decades;

(b) whether Government propose to construct this bridge in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). An Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for a railway bridge across river Ganga near Patna has been taken up. Further action on the project will depend upon the results of the survey and availability of resources.

[*English*]

Water Coolers in Trains in Kerala

12. SHRI A. VJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install water coolers in any of the trains in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?