

of export oriented ventures.

Panki Thermal Power Station

700. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had given funds for development of Panki Thermal Power Station, Kanpur;

(b) whether the funds could not be utilised by the Plant;

(c) whether as a result, the plant is unable to get cleared the imported spares; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIBABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) Yes, Sir. Union Government has given Rs. 1892.51 lakhs as Central loan assistance against a sanctioned Renovation and Modernisation scheme (Phase-I) of Rs 2514.00 lakhs.

(b) The funds has been utilised by the Plant and an amount of Rs. 5.02 crores is pending to be released by M/s Power Finance Corporation (PFC), New Delhi.

(c) and (d). The imported spares are not covered under Central loan assistance scheme, hence question of clearance of imported spares out of the Central loan assistance amount does not arise.

Natural Gas Through Pipeline in Gujarat

701. SHRI M.M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from the Gujarat Gov-

ernment for commitment of 1.5 lac CMD natural gas under pipe supply scheme for Valia and Ahmedabad city; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have already allocated 2 lac cubic metre of gas per day for Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd. at Valia. At present, there is no likelihood of any further allocation for either Valia or Ahmedabad cities.

[*Translation*]

Konkan Railway Project

702. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN.
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on 'Konkan Railway Project' and the time by which this project is likely to be completed.

(b) the amount sanctioned for this project during the current financial year and the funds utilised so far; and

(c) the progress made in this regard as on 1st December, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The estimated expenditure is Rs. 1043 crores at 1989-90 price level and the expected date of completion is Oct. 1994.