

Bihar which are old and a major grid disturbance in the Eastern Region during the last week of June, 1990.

(c) and (d) In order to improve the performance of the existing thermal stations a Renovation & Modernisation scheme is under implementation at Patratu, Barauni and Karbigahia Thermal Power Stations. Most of the activities covered under this Programme have been completed. The left-out deficiencies at these stations are proposed to be covered under the R & M scheme, Phase-II, to be implemented during the 8th Plan.

Supply of Natural Gas Through Pipelines in Gujarat

4321. SHRI CHANDUBHAI
DESHMUKH:
SHRI JAYANTILAL VIR-
CHANDBHAI SHAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests from Gujarat Government for supplying natural gas through pipelines in different areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of the areas for which such requests have been received; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Requests have been received from Government of Gujarat from time to time for supply of piped natural gas for domestic/industrial purposes in the cities of Baroda, Ankleshwar-Bharuch, Surat and Ahmedabad.

(c) At present natural gas is being supplied through pipeline for domestic use in Baroda and Ankleshwar-Bharuch cities in Gujarat. Commitment for the same purpose has been made for Surat City. Request for supply

of gas to Ahmedabad City has not so far been agreed to in view of availability of natural gas.

[Translation]

Training of ONGC Officers Abroad

4322. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers sent for training/workshops abroad by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the last five years;

(b) the amount spent thereon;

(c) whether officers/employees belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have also been sent therefor; and

(d) if so, the number thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) 1843 officers were sent by Oil and Natural Gas Commission for training/workshops abroad during 1985-86 to 1989-90; out of which 97 belonged to Scheduled Castes and 11 belonged to Scheduled Tribes. A total sum of Rs. 684.79 lakhs was spent for this purpose.

[English]

Award giving ceremony organised by DESU

4323. SHRI R. GUNDU RAO:
SHRI D. M. PUTTE
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) proposed to organise their award giving function in a five star hotel in the capital;

(b) if so, the expenditure the DESU proposes to incur thereon;