

J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As per the Budget for 1989-90, the revised estimates of plan outlay for 1988-89 for the Central public sector undertakings as a whole amounted to Rs. 13,532.61 crores. Details for each public sector undertaking are given in Statement No. 13 in Expenditure Budget, Volume-I, 1989-90, placed on the table of the House on 28th February, 1989. Details of amount spent by each public sector undertaking during 1988-89 are not yet available.

(b) The reasons for losses in public sector undertakings vary widely from enterprise to enterprise. In general, these are non-availability of raw-materials and other in-puts; obsolete and out-dated technology; ageing of plant and equipments; acute power shortage; frequent break-downs; demand constraints; over-staffing; industrial relations problems, etc. Government have been constantly endeavouring to ensure greater profitability from public sector undertakings. Whereas enterprise specific measures are being evolved and implemented, in general Government have recently taken a few steps which include improvement in its monitoring and information system; organisational restructuring through formation of holding companies; introduction of the concept of Memorandum of Understanding; increased delegation of powers for fast decision making; greater emphasis on technology upgradation, renovation of old plants, modernisation and optimisation; provision of captive power plants to ensure continuous inflow of energy; improved maintenance management practices; adoption of participative management etc.

Kawas Power House, Gujarat

1219. **SHRI CHHITUBHAIGAMIT:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the construction work of power house at Kawas, district Su-

rat, Gujarat is likely to be completed and start functioning;

(b) the amount likely to be spent on this power station and per unit cost of the power produced; and

(c) the quantum of electricity likely to be supplied daily to Gujarat and other States?

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

(a) The construction work on the gas turbine units and the Steam-Turbine units at the Kawas gas based Power Project are likely to be completed by the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively. The units are expected to start functioning thereafter.

(b) The Kawas gas based power project was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 410.84 crores (at 4th quarter 1985 price levels) and based on this cost, the per unit cost of power works out to about 90 paise.

(c) The Kawas project will have a capacity of 600 MW and will supply power to the various beneficiary States in the Western Region including Gujarat.

[English]

Power Transmission Facilities from Ramagundam Power Station to Kerala

1220. **SHRIVAKKÔMPURUSHOTHAMAN:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are aware that Kerala Government have been experiencing difficulties in availing the full quota of power allocated from the Central Pool due to inadequate feeding facilities;

(b) if so, whether State Government have requested for construction of a line