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| 4. Shahjahanpur Combined<br>Cycle Gas Turbine Project,<br>Distt. Shahjahanpur | 600 MW |
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| 1. Farukhabad Combined<br>Cycle Gas Turbine Project,<br>Distt. Farukhabad. | 800 MW |
| 2. Dadri Combined Cycle<br>Gas Turbine Project-II,<br>Distt. Ghaziabad     | 408 MW |

These schemes are not being pursued as gas linkage for these does not exist.

**Purchase of Gas Stove**

217. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to the effect that it is mandatory on the part of consumers to buy gas stove from LPG distributors while getting LPG connection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints that LPG distributors are not giving LPG connections in case the consumers do not purchase gas stove from them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF  
THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) No, sir.

(b) to (d). Sometimes such complaints are received. The customers are at liberty to purchase hot-plate from any source provided it bears the ISI mark. The distributors have standing instructions not to insist on purchase of hot-plate from them and are required to display a notice in their showrooms that it is not obligatory for a customer to purchase hot-plate from the distributor releasing the connection. The Marketing Discipline Guidelines, *inter-alia*, provide for penal action against those distributors who indulge in such malpractices. Oil Companies take necessary action immediately on receipt of such complaints.

[English]

**Conditions of National Highways**

218. SHRI SHOBHANADRESSWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has indicated that the condition of the National Highways

in the country has not been improving over the years; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to rectify this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). There has been no specific study. However, maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and roads are kept in a traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

#### **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust**

219. SHRI SANDIPAN BHAGWAN THORAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have finalised a project for the construction of a container terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the likely time of its completion; and

(d) the benefits to be accrued by the implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The container terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port has already been constructed and commissioned long ago in 1989-90.

(b) There are 3 Container Berths equipped with 3 Rail Mounted Quay cranes alongwith allied equipments.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The terminal can handle 1,80,000 TEVs of containers per annum.

#### **Container Terminal at Cochin**

220. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new container terminal at Cochin Port is ready for commissioning;

(b) the total cost of this project; and

(c) whether this terminal will be operated by private firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The trial of one out of the two gantry cranes to be installed at the container terminal has started.

(b) The estimated revised cost of the project is Rs. 70.38 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

#### **New Port at Kakinada**

221. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kakinada has emerged as a key commercial centre for import and export of various commodities;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to construct a new port here; and