

Expansion of Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Ltd.

8763. DR. P. C. THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Ltd; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) There is no expansion proposal at present in respect of Bharat Wagon & Engineering Company Limited.

Power Supply to Karnataka From Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plant

8764. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state.

(a) the tariff charged for the energy supplied to Karnataka from the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plant;

(b) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has increased the tariff;

(c) if so, what is the increased tariff;

(d) whether any request has been received from Karnataka Government not to increase the tariff; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The tariff of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in respect of the various beneficiaries in the Southern Region (including Karnataka) is 51.47 paise/Kwh, including

8.47 paise/Kwh towards fuel price adjustment; the transmission charges for Rs 346.943 lakhs/month are shared by the various Electricity Boards in proportion to the energy drawn by them.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). Following the commission of the 500 MW units, the existing tariff for the sale of power from the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station is due for revision. The NTPC have forwarded the proposals in this regard to the Electricity Boards concerned.

Supply of LPG to Hostels in Bangalore

8765. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG connections are being allotted and the LPG supplies on priority basis to hostels in Bangalore city; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to provide LPG connection to hostels in Bangalore city on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b). In view of restricted availability of LPG, release of LPG is being made on priority basis to only hostels attached to schools and colleges all over the country; including in Bangalore.

STD facility in Assam

8766 SHRIBHADRESWARTANTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Assam where there is