

MW hydel. During April 1989 to February 1990, the actual generation of power from the thermal plants was 3321.3 million units (MU) and from hydel plants 149.7 million units (MU).

(b) Low generation of these units is because the major units are very old and suffer from a number of operational problems, e.g. forced outages, shutdown requirement for capital maintenance, etc.

(c) To improve the performance of Chandrapura and Bokaro 'A' plants, a renovation and modernisation scheme has been drawn up and majority of the works have already been completed. A few activities with long gestation periods like augmentation of coal handling plant and installation of electrostatic precipitators etc. have also been taken up.

[English]

Malpractices in Supply of LPG Cylinders

- *2. SHRI C.M. NEGI:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARD-
WAJ:

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

(a) whether Government have received complaints about supply of underweight LPG cylinders by gas agencies and other malpractices committed by the deliverymen in supplying as cylinders to the customers in the capital;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to provide weighting machines to the deliverymen in order to give full satisfaction to the customers at the time of the delivery of cylinders; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and the remedial steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). All LPG-filled cylinders are checked for correctness of weight and sealed at the bottling plants before despatch to distributors. LPG distributors are under strict instructions to ensure correct weight of LPG refill cylinders before making delivery to the customers. It is not considered necessary and practical to provide weighing machines to every delivery person of the distributors. Complaints about under-weight cylinders are investigated promptly by the oil marketing companies and, if established, such cylinders are replaced free of cost. Action against such distributors is also taken under the marketing discipline guidelines.

Tehri Dam Project

- *3. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision regarding the implementation of the multi-crore Tehri Dam Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The Government had, in November, 1986, decided to implement the Tehri Hydro Power Project Complex (2400 MW), which includes Tehri Dam Project, as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and to seek Soviet technical and financial assistance for the same. There has been no change in this decision.

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*4. SHRI A.N. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: