

The fertilization of contractual arrangements in respect of the Sawai Madhopur Project has, however, been delayed by the project authorities, who have been expedited.

(d) The progress of these projects is reviewed and monitored periodically for ensuring that there are no delays in implementing them.

Production of Cement in Sixth and Seventh Plans

4118. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has urged the cement industry to improve the productivity level ;

(b) if so, whether he has pointed out that notwithstanding the infra-structural constraints, there was scope for improvement in capacity utilisation which was 76 per cent at present ;

(c) whether the target of the cement production has been achieved in the Sixth Plan Period and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to ensure that the cement target is achieved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) Against the production target of 34.5 million tonnes by the terminal year of the Sixth Five Year Plan period, the production of cement achieved was around 30.10 million tonnes. The shortfall in production was mainly on account of infrastructure constraints.

(d) Efforts continue to be made to ensure that the targets for the Seventh Plan period are achieved by encouraging modernisation of the industry, establishment of new capacity and by closely monitoring availability of infrastructure services for the cement industry such as power, coal and railway wagons.

Cooking Gas Facility in Orissa

4119. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of the towns as well as cities of Orissa where cooking gas facility has been provided so far ;

(b) the number of cylinders supplied to the State annually for distributing ; and

(c) the number of towns where such facility is likely to be provided during the next two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA):

(a) Presently LPG facility is available at the following locations in Orissa :

1. Aksa
2. Balagaan
3. Bolangir
4. Baleshwar
5. Baripada
6. Berhampur
7. Bhubaneswar
8. Brijrajnagar
9. Burla
10. Chattarpur
11. Cuttack
12. Basbil