

(b) whether there is short supply of kerosene in Madhya Pradesh ;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to open some more kerosene retail outlets in Madhya Pradesh ; and

(d) the number of such retail outlets proposed to be opened in Madhya Pradesh in 1985-86 ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :** (a) and (b) The Oil companies endeavour to supply the allocated quantities of kerosene oil to the States, including the backward States. The supplies to Madhya Pradesh during 1984-85 have been substantially higher than in 1983-84.

(c) and (d) Under the Marketing Plan 1984-85 of the oil industry, 12 SKO/LDO dealerships are to be established in Madhya Pradesh. In view of the various steps involved in the selection for and establishment of each dealership it is not feasible to indicate as to how many will be commissioned during 1985-86.

**Supply of gas to Fertilizer Plants to save coal and fuel oil**

**3293. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to supply natural gas from Bombay High to the gas-based fertilizer plants at a concessional rate ;

(b) if so, the rate fixed for selling the natural gas to the fertilizer units ;

(c) whether this supply of natural gas to the fertilizer units will check consumption of fuel oil and coal by the fertilizer units ;

(d) if so, the quantum of coal and other fuel oil expected to be saved ; and

(e) the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :** (a) and (b) The

issue of pricing of natural gas for various uses is under Government's consideration.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Each of the gas based plants of 1350 tpd ammonia and 2200 tpd urea would have consumed about 0.4 million tonnes per year of coal of a calorific value of 4000 K cal/kg, and about 20,000 tonnes per year of fuel oil, if their steam and power generation facilities were based on coal as fuel. These facilities are now based on gas as fuel and the daily requirement will be about 0.4 million cubic metres per day of gas for each plant. The power will be generated by gas turbine which will have heat recovery unit to produce steam for use in process, thereby achieving high thermal efficiency in the use of gas.

**Declaration of Kasargoda and Pathanamthitta Districts of Kerala as "no industry districts"**

**3294. SHRI P.A. ANTHONY :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received to declare Kasargoda and Pathanamthitta Districts of Kerala as "no industry districts" ; and

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

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The districts created upto 31.3.83 and having no large or medium scale industries as of 1979-80, are identified as 'No Industry Districts.' The districts of Kasargoda and Pathanamthitta in Kerala did not fulfil this criteria. The Kerala Government has been informed accordingly.

**Construction of Barapole Hydro-Power Project in Kodagu District**

**3295. SHRI NARSING RAO SURYAWANSHI :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of Barapole Hydro-Power Project in Kodagu District, if executed,