

[Translation]

Selling price of L. P. G. in different parts of country

1267. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR VERMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the selling price of LPG cylinders vary in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether LPG is not made available to consumers in some parts of the country for two-three months; and

(d) if so, whether any steps are being taken to bring improvement in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b). The retail selling price of four principal cities is as under :

Rs./per cylinder 14.2 Kg.

Bombay	56.15
Delhi	57.61
Calcutta	63.20
Madras	57.24

The price varies from place to place on account of the freight element from the bottling plant and local levies applicable at those places.

(c) and (d). A backlog of few days in LPG refill supplies develops occasionally in some parts of the country for a variety of reasons, including inadequate bottling capacity. Augmentation of bottling capacity and other infrastructure is being undertaken.

[English]

Setting up of biogas plants during Seventh Plan period

1268. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up more biogas plants to make life a little easier for the rural poor;

(b) if so, the target set for establishment of biogas plants in the Seventh Plan; and

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose in the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). The Government have been implementing National Project for Biogas Development which caters to family based biogas plants since November, 1981. Under this project, over 3.5 lakh biogas plants have already been installed upto 1984-85. The target fixed for 1985-86 is 1.50 lakh plants, out of which more than 1 lakh plants have already been installed upto January, 1986. A target of 5.5 lakh family based biogas plants has been fixed for the Seventh Plan period with a Plan outlay of Rs. 177.00 crores.

High tension line from Kopili Hydel Project to Panchgram Grid

1269. SHRI SUDARSAN DAS : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to draw High Tension line directly from Kopili Hydel Project under North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation in Meghalaya to Panchgram Grid in Cachar District of Assam in order to mitigate the difficulties now being faced by Mizoram and Barak Valley in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, Badarpur (Panchgram) is already connected with the Kopili Hydro-electric Project by a 132 KV single circuit line via Khliehriat sub-station in Meghalaya and another link is being provided via Halflong and Jiribam. Power from Kopili Hydro-electric Complex can be transmitted to Badarpur (Panchgram) through this system.

Increase in Allocation of SKO to Gujarat

1270. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister