

The actual generation has been more than the target. However, various steps being taken to meet the scarcity of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacities, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Supply of Kerosene to States

1538. SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE.

SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJAWADIYAR:

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

(a) the names of the States to which reduction in supply of kerosene has been made.

(b) the reasons therefor.

(c) whether Government propose to increase this quota for 1991-92, especially, for those States in which complete electrification has not been done so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) All States/UTs have been provided increase in SKO allocations in 1990-91 and there has been no reduction in supplies over the corresponding period of the previous year.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) SKO allocations to all States and UTs are made by provid-

ing a suitable growth over the corresponding period of the previous year. SKO is a deficit product and over one third of the country's requirements are met by imports. SKO allocations for 1991-92 will depend on foreign exchange made available for import of SKO.

[English]

Thermal Power Station at Vishakhapatnam

1539. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Coastal Thermal Power Station at Vishakhapatnam would utilise the coal from Talcher Coal Mine; and

(b) if so, whether transport of coal by sea would be economical and save the Southern Region from the severe power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b) The proposed Coastal Thermal Power Station at Vishakhapatnam would utilise coal from the Gopalpura area of Ib Valley Coalfields, Orissa. The transportation of coal from Ib Valley Coalfields to the proposed station would be by all rail route which has been considered as the "Least Cost Solution" at present taking into account investment for augmenting line capacity.

Hydel Power Generation

1540. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any imbalance at present, in the percentage of hydel and thermal power in the total power generation;