

**Requirement of Diesel of each State**

1007. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) total requirements of each State for diesel;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the last one year the requirements of all States were not met as a result of shortage;

(c) if so, total shortage of the item; and

(d) steps proposed to meet the requirements of the State?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) It is not possible to indicate State-wise requirements of High Speed Diesel Oil.

(b) The total sales of high speed diesel oil in the country in 1979-80 was about 12.6 per cent higher than the sales in 1978-79, as against the annual growth rate of 8 per cent to 9 per cent for this product until 1977-78. In spite of this high growth rate in sales in 1979-80 some shortages have been experienced in certain places due to a very steep increase in the demand mainly on account of growth in long distance road transportation of bulk goods, increased requirements of diesel for power generation and drought conditions in different parts of the country.

(c) It is not possible to quantify it in view of the reply as at (a) above.

(d) Steps have been taken to ensure adequate availability of diesel at coastal locations by imports. The throughputs in the refineries of the country are being maximized and optimum use is being made of the available transportation capacity. Supplies to States and Union Territories have already been stepped up and future supplies would be made keeping in

view the overall availability and transportation capability.

**Effect of Shortage of Power on Irrigation**

1008. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of shortfall in power generation, there were shortfalls in the irrigation throughout the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, percentage of shortfalls in irrigation; and

(c) steps proposed to be taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the States and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

**Loss in Fertilizer Corporation of India and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation**

1009. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last two years the Fertilizer Corporation of India and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation together have lost Rs. 140 crores as compared to the undivided FCI's loss of Rs. 50 crores in 1977-78;

(b) if so, what are the factors responsible for the same; and

(c) whether Government wanted to have an indepth study to assess the reasons and whether the very question of bifurcation will be reconsidered?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.