

(NTPC) and the National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation (NHPC) is not satisfactory; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve their performance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The performance of National Thermal Power Corporation and National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation is satisfactory. However, their performance is reviewed constantly.

[Translation]

Allotment of LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps to Unemployed Educated Youths

221. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had formulated a scheme to allot petrol pumps and cooking gas agencies to the unemployed educated youths; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Performance of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board

222. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKARA MURTHY: Will the

Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board is running in loss;

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

(c) whether the Union Government have been approached by that Electricity Board for some additional funds ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCE (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) UPSEB will have a surplus of Rs. 89.70 crores during 1990 (provisional) if RE subsidy payable by the State Government is taken into account.

(c) and (d) According to UPSEB, loans to the extent of about Rs. 400 crores for financing of Anpara 'B' Thermal Power Project, transmission, distribution and rural electrification works has been sought from Government of India, the Power Finance Corporation, the Rural Electrification Corporation and others.

12.00 hrs.

[Translation]

SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PAT-TANAYAK (Bolangir) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this year there has been scanty rainfall in Bolangir area. The labourers and the farmers of that area have become victims of famine and drought and are wandering in search of work