

are reviewing the position frequently to avoid any further delay.

Consumption of Electricity in Agricultural Sector

1356. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether consumption of electricity in the agricultural sector is decreasing day by day;

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained the cases thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to take steps to increase its consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) : No Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[English]

Import of L.P.G. Cylinder from Brazil

1357. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have procured 8 lakh LPG cylinders from Brazil despite adequate indigenous production capacity of LPG cylinder manufacturing units in the country; and

(b) if so, the justification for such import ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). Owing to recurring shortfall in availability of LPG cylinders from indigenous sources, it was decided to 1983 to import from Brazil.

Short Fall in Oil Production in North Eastern Region

1358. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a shortfall in oil production in the North-Eastern region during the first half of the year 1985-86; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken to make up the shortfall in production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). As against the annual target of 5.53 million tonnes for the North-Eastern Region, the actual production of crude oil during the first half of 1985-86 has been 2.5 million tonnes.

Some of the steps being taken to make up the shortfall are :

- (i) Increased development drilling.
- (ii) Acceleration of workover efforts.
- (iii) Putting more wells on gas lift by installation of additional pumps and compressors.
- (iv) Increased pressure maintenance by water injection and gas injection.

Construction of Domkhar (Main Power) Project in Leh and Parkachik Suru Power Project in Kargil District.

1359. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the people of Ladakh region had been requesting the Union Government to examine and take up in Central Sector the Construction of Domkhar (Main) Power Project in Leh District and Parkachik Suru Power Project in Kargil District;

(b) if so, whether a team of experts is proposed to be deputed to examine the two projects; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?