

[Translation]

Gas Agency at Bihar Sharif, Bihar

1398. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is only one cooking gas agency at Bihar Sharif in Nalanda district of Bihar;

(b) whether the consumers are facing a lot of inconvenience in getting gas cylinders and have to pay more price therefor;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase the number of cooking gas agencies at Bihar Sharif; and

(d) if so, the time by which these are likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While there has lately been delay in refill supplies owing to operational reasons, there have not been complaints about overcharging.

(c) and (d). IOC has advertised on October 12, 1985 inviting applications for a new distributorship. Considering the various steps like selection procedure are statutory formalities which precede the commissioning of an LPG distributorship, it does not seem feasible to indicate by which time the proposed one will be commissioned.

Swaran Rekha Power Project in Bihar

1399. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on Swaran Rekha Power Project in Bihar has been started;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which this project is likely to be completed;

(c) the quantum of power proposed to be supplied to Bihar from this project; and

(d) the time by which the supply is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d). The Subernarekha Multi-purpose Project, downstream of the existing Subernarekha Hydro-electric Project (130 MW), is presently under construction and *inter-alia* involves construction of Chandil Dam across the Subernarekha river. The project report of Chandil Dam Power Project (2 × 4 MW) was received in Central Electricity Authority during April, 1985 and is under examination. As per the project report, the annual energy generation is estimated at 36.33 Gwh. The project can be considered for implementation, only after its techno-economic viability is established.

[English]

Opening of Petrol/Diesel Outlets and Gas Agencies in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab

1401. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, district-wise, for which the advertisements for the opening of (i) petrol/diesel outlets and (ii) Gas agencies have been issued during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 and April to October, 1985;

(b) the names of such places among them, where the outlets/agencies have since been opened;

(c) the likely date by which the remaining outlets/agencies would be allotted;

(d) whether there are any cases still pending for such allotment for over (i) five years (ii) three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) During the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and April-October, 85, the oil companies have advertised for