

Supply of Pin-Type Regulators to LPG Consumers

2278. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints that the pintype regulators being given to LPG consumers break early as these are made of inferior plastic;

(b) if so, action proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(c) whether consumers are facing financial hardships as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b). In the context of complaints about breakage of the plastic knob following the introduction of the pin-type regulators some years ago, steps were taken to improve the quality of the plastic used. Also proven technology for these regulators has been imprinted.

(c) Regulators having manufacturing defects are replaced free of cost.

Setting up of Energy Conservation Fund

2279. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision for setting up Energy Conservation Fund was taken by Government in the year 1984;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this fund is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Energy Conservation Fund is intended to finance high priority activities in the field of energy conservation. The time frame for setting up the fund can be decided after taking into account all the alternatives for tapping budgetary and non-budgetary resources.

Supply of Foodgrains and Sugar to Bihar

2280. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of rice, wheat, sugar and other foodgrains demanded by Government of Bihar for Public Distribution System during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(b) the actual month-wise supplies of foodgrains made to meet the demand of the State during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The Government of Bihar demanded 6,00,000 tonnes of rice and 12,00,000 tonnes of wheat for public distribution system during each of the years 1984-85 and 1985-86.

Levy sugar quotas are not based on demand/requests received from the State Governments and are allotted on uniform norms of 425 grams per capita availability for the projected population as on 1-10-1983.

(b) A statement indicating the required information is given below.