

unt of fall in production of oil seeds in the country, the demand and supply gap of edible oils has widened and now twelve lakh tonnes of edible oils are short of the demand;

(c) the steps taken to import the edible oils according to the requirement in the country; and

(d) when the self sufficiency in edible oils is anticipated to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF
FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI
H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) The quantity
of edible oils imported during oil years
1985-86 and 1986-87 (upto January,
1987) is given below :-

Oil Year (Nov-Oct)	Quantity Imported (in lakh tonnes)
1985-86	11.79
1986-87 upto Jan. '87	3.28

(b) The gap between demand for and supply of indigenous oil exists.

(c) The quantum of edible oils to be imported is decided by the Government from time to time keeping in view various factors such as gap between demand and supply, incentive to farmers, international prices etc.

(d) It is not possible to indicate a definite period but Government has taken a number of effective and urgent measures to increase the production of oilseeds and oils so as to achieve self-sufficiency early.

**Equipping of New Power Stations in
Karnataka with Solid State Relays**

41. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-
WARI : Will the Minister of ENERGY
be pleased to state :

(a) whether all new power stations in
Karnataka have been equipped with solid

state relays as a protective measure
against faults;

(b) if so, to what extent these solid
state equipment has helped in detecting
the faults; and

(c) whether this equipment will be
provided to other States also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE
MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI
SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (c) The
information is being collected and will be
laid on the Table of the House.

**Setting up of new L. P. G. Bottling
Plants.**

42. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will
the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of L. P. G. bottling
plants in the country and in Karnataka
State;

(b) whether there is any plan to set
up new L. P. G. bottling plants in Karnat-
aka State during the year 1987-88; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF
STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) :
(a) At present there are 46 LPG
bottling plants in the country including
4 in Karnataka State.

(b) and (c) A 12,500 MTPA LPG
bottling plant is under construction by
HPCL at Hubli in the state of Karnataka
and will become operational during
1987-88.