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31. Pondicherry		584	38	50
32. Daman & Diu		—	—	—
Total :		44192	1994	2091

*[Translation]***Delay in supply of LPG cylinder refills**

1186. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :
DR. PHULRENU GUHA :
SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY :

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

(a) whether the cooking gas cylinders are not being supplied in time to the consumers in a large number of cities and towns;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is sufficient stock of cooking gas in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons for inordinate delay in the supply of cooking gas by the concerned agencies in places like Delhi and Rajasthan State; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to remove the difficulties faced by the consumers at all the places ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) to (c) Backlogs in supply of LPG refills have developed in recent months in several parts of the country including Rajasthan and Delhi mainly on account of overall shortfall in the bulk availability of LPG, apart from movement, industrial relations and other operational constraints;

(d) Efforts are being made to maximise indigenous LPG production and also augment supplies through imports to the

extent feasible. The situation is being closely monitored by the oil industry with a view to ensuring regular LPG supplies to the consumers.

Production of Cement

1187. DR. PRABHAT KUMAR MISHRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand of cement has increased to a great extent in the country;

(b) whether the production of cement was less than the estimated demand in the year 1987;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a cement factory at Bilaspur in Madhya Pradesh to meet the increasing demand of cement; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The production of cement in the country has increased from 18.56 million tonnes in the year 1980-81 to 36.50 million tonnes during 1986-87. The growth of demand during this period is quite evident from the fact that despite the increase in indigenous production, the import of cement has also come down from a level of 19.74 lakh tonnes during the year 1980-81 to 1.76 lakh tonnes in 1986-87. The production of cement in the country is, by and large, sufficient to meet the demand of the country and there is no report of shortage,

except in packets, where difficulty has arisen mainly because of transportation problems.

(c) and (d) Government have already issued industrial Licences to Cement Corporation of India Limited and M/s. Raymond Woollen Mills for setting up factories in Bilaspur in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

[English]

Electrification of villages in West Bengal

1188. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages electrified so far in West Bengal;

(b) whether Government have any plan to electrify all villages of West Bengal by the end of the Seventh Plan period and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) 22,722 villages are reported to have been electrified in West Bengal by the end of January, 1988.

(b) and (c) There are 38,074 villages (1971 census) in West Bengal, out of which 19,201 villages had been electrified by the end of the Sixth Plan. The Seventh Plan envisages electrification of 14,918 villages thereby leaving 3955 villages for electrification beyond 7th Plan. All the remaining villages are expected to be electrified by the end of the 8th Plan, subject to the availability of resources and inputs.

Electrification of villages in Punjab

1189. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages, district.

wise, in Punjab electrified till December, 1987;

(b) the number of villages, particularly in the district of Hoshiarpur, and also in other districts of Punjab proposed to be electrified during the current Five Year Plan; and

(c) the time by which all the villages in Punjab, particularly in Hoshiarpur district are likely to be electrified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) (a) to (c) All the inhabited villages in Punjab have been electrified.

World Energy Conference

1190. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether three day meeting of the World Energy Conference was held in January in Jodhpur;

(b) if so, the main topics discussed during the meeting;

(c) the outcome of the meeting;

(d) whether Government are considering their suggestions; and

(e) if so, how many of them have been accepted by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) A meeting of the Committee on "Energy Problems of Developing Countries" of the World Energy Conference was held at Jodhpur from 23rd to 25th January, 1988.

(b) to (e) In the meeting, the Committee deliberated on the strategy to be followed in organising material/information in respect of the following topics indentified for study as part of its work programme for 1986-89 :