

Closure of Refineries and loss of Production

700. SHRI ĀMAR RŌYPRADHAN:
SHRI UTTAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that closure of Barauni, Bongaigaon, Gauhati and Digboi refineries in February this year has resulted in a daily loss of production of 5000 tonnes of diesel and 1000 tonnes of kerosene;

(b) if so, the total accumulated loss of production of each item as a result of the mass closure of the refineries;

(c) the reasons for such deterioration of the situation in all refineries together; and

(d) the steps taken to restore normal production pattern?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The product-wise loss of the main products for the month of February, 1980 due to the closure of these refineries is as under:—

Figures in '000 Tonnes.

Product	Planned Production Feb. 1980	Actual Production	Shortfall
MS	27.7	5.9	21.8
LPG	2.3	..	2.3
NAP	48.2	..	48.2
HSD	143.6	5.2	138.4
SKO	28.2	6.0	22.2
LDO	33.9	2.5	31.4
FO	16.5	2.1	14.4
LSHS	53.0	2.6	50.4
TOTAL :	353.4	24.3	329.1

(c) The loss of production of petroleum products was due to mass agitation in Assam, affecting the crude production, refinery operations and movement of products.

(d) Government are making all possible efforts to restore normalcy in Assam and once the same is achieved normal production in these refineries will be restored.

Shortage of Storage space for Foodgrains and Sugar

701. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of storage space for foodgrains and sugar in the country;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take and what is the present storage capacity, State-wise; and