

(b) if so, what are the targets fixed during the current financial year regarding the major and medium irrigation projects which are being financed by the Central Government, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDEY): (a) Irrigation is a State subject. Funds for execution of major and medium irrigation projects are provided by the State Governments within the frame work of their overall developmental plans. Central assistance to State plans is given in the form of block loans/grants which are not related to any individual sector of development or project.

(b) Does not arise.

कृषि प्रयोजनों के लिए डीजल की खपत

3396. श्री प्रताप भानु शर्मा : क्या पेट्रो-लियम तथा रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कृषि प्रयोजनों के लिए डीजल की कितनी खपत होती है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार इस गान को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए प्रबन्ध करने का है कि किसानों को समय पर डीजल की पर्याप्त सप्लाई उपलब्ध हो; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो यह विवरण प्रणाली कब तक लागू की जायेगी ?

पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री बीरेन्द्र पाटिल) : (क) 1979-80 के दौरान देश में हाई स्पीड डीजल तेल (एच एम डी) की कुल खपत लगभग 9.33 मि० मी० टन थी। मेरा मंत्रालय अक्टूबर, 1979 से राज्य सरकारों और संघ शासित प्रदेशों की उपभोक्ताओं की विभिन्न श्रेणियों को किसी निर्धारित कोटे के बिना ही हाई स्पीड डीजल का मासिक आवंटन कर रहा है। यह राज्य सरकार के लिए ही है कि वह अपने राज्य के अन्दर के विभिन्न उपभोक्ताओं को डीजल का आगे और आवंटन करें। राज्य सरकारों को परामर्श दिया गया है कि वे डीजल के आवंटन के लिए कृषि आवश्यकताओं को प्राथमिकता दे। इसलिए कृषि प्रयोजनों के लिए डीजल की खपत के आंकड़े मेरे मंत्रालय में उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।

(ख) और (ग). केन्द्रीय सरकार ने आयात करके तटीय स्थलों पर डीजल की पर्याप्त उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उपाय किए हैं। देश

की शोधनशालाओं में उत्पादन को अधिकतम किया गया है और उपलब्ध परिवहन क्षमता का इष्टतम प्रयोग किया जा रहा है। राज्यों और संघ शासित प्रदेशों को हाई स्पीड डीजल की सप्लाई पहले ही बढ़ाई गई है। राज्य सरकारों और संघ शासित प्रदेशों के प्रशासनों को परामर्श दिया गया है कि वे कृषि के लिए डीजल की सप्लाई को अधिकतम प्राथमिकता दे।

Harrowing Experience by Industrial Consumers in Private Sector

3397. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) is it true that private sector industrial consumers in coal belt have to go through harrowing experience of paying "speed money" or "hush money" at centres like Government's coal company officials, colliery staff, loaders and local 'dadas' in order to get quality coal in right time from Government-run collieries; and

(b) if so, action taken or planned to curb such illegal activities; do Government propose to institute an enquiry and take concrete steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). No specific instance of such harassment has come to the notice of the Government. Any complaint regarding corruption at any level is promptly investigated by the vigilance organisation of the coal companies and necessary action taken against the defaulting personnel. Staff posted in sensitive positions is transferred from one place to another at periodical intervals.

Production of Fertilizers

3398. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Fertilizer remained static during the years 1977-1979; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir. Production of fertilizers, which was 19 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 4.80 lakh tonnes of P₂O₅ in 1976-77, rose to 20 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 6.70 lakh tonnes of P₂O₅ in 1977-78 and rose further to 21.70 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 7.70 lakh tonnes of P₂O₅ in 1978-79.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss due to Sea Erosion on Kerala Coast

3399. SHRI A. A. RAHIM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government are aware that due to large scale sea erosion in Kerala Coast, rich soil beds and rich lands are damaged;

(b) the concrete steps taken to prevent this huge loss due to sea erosion, when the fertility of the rich land is affected; and

(c) whether the soil conservation Unit of the Ministry is taking any advice from the Oceanic Research Institute, Goa in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAV): (a) and (b). The Kerala Government has reported loss of land and property in the coastal area due to sea-erosion. Out of the total of 320 kms of coast line assessed to be vulnerable to sea-erosion, anti sea-erosion works have been constructed in a length of 225 kms till the end of March, 1980. The remaining length is proposed to be completed during the next five years

(c) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the National Institute of Oceanography located in Goa. This Institute is a member of the Beach Erosion Board set up by the Government of India and is thereby associated with the work of tackling the problems of sea-erosion in the country.

Development of Research Works in Pharmaceutical Industry

3400. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to modify their present Drug Policy in the context of the present trends in the Pharmaceutical Industry; if so, when;

(b) the broad outlines thereof;

(c) whether any provision is being made to ensure that a percentage of profit of the multi-nationals and others dealing in the Pharmaceutical Industry is invested in Research and Development in the country; and

(d) if so, what machinery has been devised to keep a constant watch on this important aspect?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). The present Drug Policy of the Government which is based on the recommendations of the Hathi Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry is in the process of implementation. Various aspects of the working of the industry are under constant watch

(c) In paragraph 41 of the Drug Policy Statement of March, 1978, a specific reference has already been made regarding Research and Development facilities to be set up by