

Production from Bombay High

171. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total annual rate of production from Bombay High; and

(b) steps being taken to step up the production during 1980-81?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The present production rate of crude oil from Bombay High is around 5 million tonnes per annum.

(b) A few more platforms are being installed under Phase III development programme of Bombay High. With the commissioning of these platforms, a production rate of 7 million tonnes per annum is expected to be achieved by the end of 1980.

Loss of production of diesel and kerosene due to closure of Barauni, Bongaigaon, Gauhati and Dig'boi Refineries

172. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the closure of the Barauni, Bongaigaon, Gauhati and Dig'boi refineries has resulted in loss of production of diesel and kerosene;

(b) if so, what is the daily loss of these commodities; and

(c) whether there is any move to effect large scale imports to meet the shortages?

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

(b) As a result of the continuous or intermittent closure of these four

refineries, the total loss of production of diesel and kerosene between January and May, 1980 has been estimated to be of the order of 800,000 and 150,000 tonnes respectively.

(c) Yes. Additional imports are already being effected since January, 1980.

Hardships of Pong Dam Oustees

173. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hardships caused to the Pong Dam Oustees by the cancellation of a large number of murabbas allotted to them in Rajasthan on flimsy grounds; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to protect the interests of the Pong Dam Oustees?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Irrigation), Government of India, comprising of representatives of the Department of Power, Government of India, and the concerned officials of the Government of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh has been constituted to examine the problem and recommend solutions.

The Report of the Committee will be finalised shortly.

Restructuring Film Censors Board

174. SHRI S. M KRISHNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government propose to restructure the present set-up of the Film Censors Board?