

(c) Yes, Sir. Kerosene allocation to different States and Union Territories for the month of May, 1980 have been made at a level at least 10 per cent higher than the actual sales in May, 1979

(d) There have been some reports from a few States about shortages of High Speed Diesel Oil for short durations in the month of May, 1980.

(e) The details are as follows:—

(figures in '000/Tonnes)

Product	Allocation for April, 1980	Allocation for May, 1980
HSD . . . . .	836	858
Kerosene . . . . .	348	353

(f) It is not possible to estimate the demands of diesel and kerosene for the different States and Union Territories. The details of allocations made for April and May, 1980 are already given in the reply to part (e) above.

temporary service buildings and residential hutments is in progress and a project officer together with technical supervisory staff have been posted at site.

*Saltore Colliery:*

It is an old abandoned mine adjoining the Ranipur colliery of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. The main reserves in Dishergarh seam at Saltore are already exhausted and at Ranipur it is nearing exhaustion. It has been decided by E.C.L. to extend the workings of next below Sanctoria seam at Ranipur to Saltore. There is no proposal to work Saltore as a separate mine.

#### Opening of the Mejia and Saltora Colliery

201. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) when the work is expected to start to open the Mejia and Saltora Collieries;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) to (c) The position in respect of Mejia and Saltore Collieries is indicated below:—

#### Mejia Colliery

About 30 acres of land has been purchased to start mining activities and development work for mine entrances started on 5-6-1980. Eastern Coalfields Ltd. has installed a small diesel generator to meet the minimum power demand. Construction of some

बांधों के रख-रखाव के बारे में प्रबन्ध

202. श्री के० एच० मधुकर : क्या सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय जल प्रायोग के मुख्य अभियन्ता ने सरकार को सूझाव दिया है कि वह विभिन्न नदियों के किनारे बने बांधों के रख-रखाव के लिए तकनीकी, प्रशासनिक तथा लागत संबंधी प्रबन्ध इस प्रकार से करें कि उनकी आयु जो इस समय औसतन लगभग 50 वर्ष है, और प्रागे बढ़ाई जा सके ; और

(ख) यदि हां तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

लिखाई मंत्री (श्री केदार पाण्डे) : (क) श्री (ख) कुम्हारजीनगर, बांध सुरक्षा सब केन्द्रीय जल प्रायोग ने अपनी व्यक्तिगत हेलियत से 'मगरीश' के मद्रैस-जून, 1980 के दंत में एक लेख लिखा था, जिसमें बांधों के जीर्णन (एजिंग) की समस्याओं की समीक्षा की गई थी, श्री प्रत्येक बांध की सुरक्षा का समय-समय पर जायजा लिये जाते रहने की आवश्यकता बताई गई थी, ताकि इन बांधों को जितने लम्बे समय तक संभव हो, सुरक्षापूर्वक संचालन किये जाने की स्थिति में बनाये रखा जा सके ।

### Speedy Execution of the Western Kosi Canal Project

203. SHRI HARINATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum was handed over to him by a Member of Parliament on the urgent need for speedy execution of the Western Kosi Canal Project;

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) is it a fact that the belt to be benefited by the project has (i) one of the highest density of population in the country; (ii) practically no industry; and (iii) 98.5 per cent of the cultivable land has no irrigation facilities?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Detailed reply has been sent to Hon'ble Member on 22-5-1980 explaining fully the position in the matter. It has also been emphasised on the State Government that the project be planned for completion in the next five years. It is expected that pace of work on this project will now pick up.

(c) It is mentioned in the report of the revised estimates of the Western Kosi Canal Project, that Darbhanga district (at present, Darbhanga &

Madhubani Districts) benefited by the project is one of the densely populated areas in the country. It has also been stated that the district is mainly agricultural and the industries depend on the agricultural base, the most important being sugar for which there are five sugar mills in the district, of which 3 are in the command of the proposed canal. It is also stated that the cultivated land has no irrigation facilities.

### New Power Units in Western Sector

204. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to instal new power units in western sector of the country; and

(b) if so, the sites selected and details of the newly installed units?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b). Planning for power development is a continuous process. During each Five Year Plan period, the demand for power is estimated, and new projects are identified to meet the demand in a projected time frame. Projects are also identified for meeting the demand during the next Five Year Plan period as the gestation time for power projects is long.

The projects under construction at present in the country are listed in Annex. I.

For new units, the power programme for the country, State-wise and Region-wise, for the period 1980-85, has not yet been finalised. The Planning Commission have set up a Working Group to draw up the power programme for the period 1980-85 and indicate a perspective upto 1989-90. The Working Group has not yet submitted its report.