

As a result of these steps production in April and May 1980 has already exceeded the production in these months last year by 2.0 million tonnes.

Supply of Cooking Gas to New Consumers

215. SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: —

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that there is considerable demand for gas to be used for domestic (cooking) purpose; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take necessary steps to supply the gas to new consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The availability of cooking gas in the country is anticipated to increase progressively from about the beginning of 1981 with the commissioning of:—

(i) Facilities for separation of LPG from Bombay High Associated Gas

(ii) Mathura Refinery;

(iii) Secondary Processing Facilities at Koyali Refinery.

The release of new gas connections will be possible for various householders in various parts of the country after the completion of the above schemes.

Measures to protect from Floods in various Regions

216. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken necessary steps to strengthen protection measures in view of the

ensuing flood season, in various regions, particularly in Ganga and Brahmaputra belts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDEY): (a) and (b). The Central Government has requested all the States and Union territories to undertake a timely review of arrangements for tackling the situation in the flood-prone areas and to take precautionary measures as may be required to ensure that they are not caught unprepared during the ensuing monsoon season. Some of the important points that require attention have been identified. These include the timely completion of flood control schemes already taken up, pre-monsoon inspection and maintenance of flood control works, arrangements for flood fighting and stacking of material at vulnerable location and preparation of detailed preparedness plan for areas requiring special attention.

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217. श्री मनफूल सिंह चौधरी: क्या ऊर्जा और सिंचाई तथा कौयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि—

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भाखड़ा डैड वर्क से गंग नहर को पानी के वितरण का कार्य पंजाब सरकार के नियंत्रण में है;

(ख) भाखड़ा बांध से गंग नहर तथा भाखड़ा नहर को दिए गये पानी की मात्रा कितनी कितनी है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इन नहरों को भाखड़ा से पर्याप्त पानी नहीं मिलता है;

(घ) राजस्थान में नहरों को दिए जाने वाले पानी के भाग पर पंजाब सरकार के नियंत्रण के क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) क्या यह सच है कि भाखड़ा नियंत्रण बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष से गंग नहर तथा भाखड़ा नहर को पूरा पानी देन का अनुरोध किया गया था; और