

## 3. पूर्वी क्षेत्र

## 3.1 पश्चिम बंगाल :

दिसम्बर, 1979 से निम्नलिखित विद्युत कटौतियां लागू थी :

- (1) जूट मिलों और सूती कपड़ा मिलों के अतिरिक्त सभी उच्च वोल्टता वाले औद्योगिक उपभोक्ताओं की अधिकतम मांग में 23.5 % की कटौती।
- (2) जूट तथा कपड़ा मिलों की अधिकतम मांग पर 10 % कटौती।
- (3) सूती कपड़ा मिलों को छोड़ कर सभी औद्योगिक उपभोक्ताओं के लिए साप्ताहिक छुट्टी का अलग अलग दिन।
- (4) सभी उच्च वोल्टता वाले उद्योगों को किसी भी दिन 1800 बजे से 2200 बजे के दौरान विद्युत भार प्राप्त करने की अनुमति नहीं है।
- (5) सभी मिनी इस्पात संयंत्रों को सप्ताह के सभी 7 दिनों में 2100 बजे से 0900 बजे (अगला दिन) तक प्रचालन के लिए अनुमति थी।
- (6) छोटे सिंचाई पम्पों, सभी मध्यम और निम्न वोल्टता वाले औद्योगिक उपभोक्ताओं (प्रिंटिंग प्रेसों तथा आटा चक्कियों को छोड़ कर) को 1700 बजे तथा 2200 बजे के बीच विद्युत भार प्राप्त करने की अनुमति नहीं थी।
- (7) दुकानों तथा प्रतिष्ठानों (दवाइयों, किराना तम्बाकू, पान, सिगार, चूरे तरल जलपान से सम्बद्ध प्रतिष्ठानों को छोड़ कर) को शनिवार, रविवार को 2030 बजे से 2230 बजे के बीच तथा अन्य दिनों में 1900 बजे तथा 2230 बजे के बीच बिजली का प्रयोग करने की अनुमति नहीं थी।
- (8) वाणिज्यिक प्रतिष्ठानों, बैंकों और घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं को 0900 बजे

से 1100 बजे के बीच तथा 1700 बजे से 2200 बजे के बीच वातानुकूलन और कम कूलर चलाने की अनुमति नहीं थी।

(9) निम्नो, मरकरी लैम्प तथा अन्य अधिक शक्ति वाली विद्युत सजावट का प्रयोग 2100 बजे तक नहीं किया जाता।

(10) 3.3 के० वी० तथा इससे अधिक पर सप्लाइ प्राप्त करने वाले उद्योगों पर व्यस्ततमकालीन प्रतिबंध।

#### Shortage of Kerosene and Diesel in Punjab

245. SHRI L. S. TUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Kerosene oil and Diesel in Punjab;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to make regular and satisfactory supply of these in Punjab keeping in view the sowing season of Rabi Crop; and

(c) whether in view of the fact that Punjab is contributing 60 per cent food in the Central pool, his Ministry is considering the demand of Punjab for supplying more Diesel?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No such reports have been received.

(b) The allocations of high speed diesel oil for Punjab for the months of October and November, 1980 have been made at the level 5 per cent more than the original allocations made for these months in the year 1979. Ad-hoc increases in the allocations have also been sanctioned both in October and November 1980. The State Government is required to fix sectoral priorities for different uses of diesel like agriculture, transport etc. It has been

emphasized on the State Government that the highest priority should be given to agriculture in the matter of supply of diesel. Kerosene allocations to Punjab have been made at a level of 5 per cent more than the actual sales of this product for the corresponding months of the previous year.

(c) Allocations of diesel are made on the basis of historical sales pattern of the product in that State after taking into account the overall availability and movement capability of the product.

#### **Contract for the Ammonia Plants at Thal-Vaishet and Hazira Fertilizers**

246. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government are reversing its earlier decision to award the engineering consultancy contract for the ammonia plants at Thal-Vaishet and Hazira fertilizer complexes to Pullman Kellogg of the U.S. and the Italian controlled Haldor Topsoe;

(b) if so, whether this reversal of original decision will make the state exchequer loss at least Rs. 55 crores per year; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the change in the original decision about the consultancy contract which has affected the credibility of India abroad?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) M/s. Haldor Topsoe and Pullman Kellogg have been selected as consultants for the ammonia plants at Thal Vaishet and Hazira respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The bids received from the pre-qualified consultants were evaluated by a Negotiating Committee set up by Government in September, 1978. This Committee recommended that M/s.

C. F. Braun be selected as consultants for the Thal Vaishet project. In August 1979 Government asked Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. to negotiate the contract with M/s. C. F. Braun and submit it to Government for approval. While the draft contract submitted in December, 1979 was under examination, there was a change in Government. The present Government decided to have a fresh look into the selection of consultant and set up an Expert Committee in February, 1980 to assess the relative merits of the bids received and to examine whether it was desirable to have the same consultant for both tests of plants (at Thal Vaishet and Hazira). The Committee recommended that M/s. C. F. Braun be selected as consultant for the Thal Vaishet project subject to certain improvements in the negotiated draft contract. The majority of the Committee was of the view that the risks involved in having one consultant for both the complexes was not of an acceptable degree. There was no unanimity of opinion regarding the selection of consultant for the second set of plants. Government agreed with the majority view that the risk involved in having one consultant for both the complexes was not of an acceptable degree. Government did not agree with the recommendations of the Committee that C. F. Braun be selected as the consultant for the Thal Vaishet project on the grounds that they had no experience of having built and operated a plant in India, that their response in regard to transfer of technology in case only one set of plants was awarded was equivocal and that the contract offered by them suffered from legal lacunae. Government, therefore, confined its choice to the next three bidders viz. Toyo, Pullman Kellogg and Haldor Topsoe. Toyo was offering essentially the same technology as Pullman Kellogg and it was felt preferable to deal directly with the original proprietors. Government therefore, selected Haldor Topsoe and Puuman Kellogg respectively as the consultants for the Thal Vaishet and Hazira projects.