

(b) what are the reasons for not commissioning K.T.P.P. within the target time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Target date of commissioning:—

Unit 1 : September, 1978

Unit 2 : March, 1979

Unit 3 : September, 1979.

(b) The reasons as assessed by the Central Electricity Authority, are:—

1. Paucity of funds & heavy floods in 1978.
2. Delay in Placement of orders for auxiliary equipment.
3. Delay in structural steel fabrication and erection.
4. Delay in award of contract for CW System.
5. Labour unrest.

Development of Calcutta TV Centre

343. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Central Government to improve and develop the T.V. Centre at Calcutta; and

(b) details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. A scheme for construction of a permanent studio-cum-office building with two studios (instead of one in the present interim set up) has been sanctioned.

(b) The construction work of the permanent building is in hand. The studios are expected to be commissioned by 1983.

Purchase of oil from Open Market

344. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have purchased oil in open market due to its non-availability from Iraq-Iran;

(b) if so, the quantum of oil purchased, the names of the countries from which oil has been purchased and the additional expenditure involved in it;

(c) whether with a view to stop the misuse of petrol and diesel Government would consider introducing rationing of these items; and

(d) if so, when it would be introduced and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would not be in the national interest to disclose any details.

(c) There is no proposal to introduce rationing of petroleum products.

(d) Does not arise.

वाराणसी को खाना पकाने की गैस की सप्लाई

345. श्री तारिक अनवर : क्या पेट्रोलियम, रसायन तथा उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली, लखनऊ आदि जैसे महानगरों में खाना पकाने की गैस की सप्लाई को नियमित रखने के लिए वाराणसी तथा ऐसे अन्य नगरों के गैस के कोटे को कम कर दिया गया है ;