

बिहार में सुपर ताप बिजली घरों की स्थापना करना

356. श्री राम बिलास पासवान : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि बिहार में किन-किन स्थानों पर सुपर ताप बिजली घरों की स्थापना करने का विचार है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विक्रम महाजन) : कहलगांव, जिला भागलपुर, बिहार में एक सुपर ताप विद्युत परियोजना स्थापित करने के लिए व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट तैयार की गई है। केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण को इसका तकनीकी-आर्थिक मूल्यांकन पूरा करना है। इस परियोजना को केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र में हाथ में लेने का प्रस्ताव है।

#### Public Sector Fertilizer Factories in Madhya Pradesh

357. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fertilizer factories are to be set up in public sector in Madhya Pradesh, if so, their location;

(b) whether the fertilizer factories are proposed to be set-up at Jhabua and Mandasaur;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to set up fertilizer factories at Piploda Bagla of Ujjain District, for which it is the most suitable place; and

(d) the method of production of the proposed factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to

(d). One of the proposed six additional gas-based fertilizer plants is likely to be located in Madhya Pradesh. The exact location, ownership, etc. would be decided after the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee are available.

#### Allocation of Diesel and Kerosene to Orissa

358. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the allocation of diesel and kerosene to Orissa in the months of August, September, October and November, 1980, month-wise;

(b) whether allocations for these months were less than the previous eight months, month-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons why kerosene and diesel are now in acute short supply in Orissa and kerosene is selling at Rs. 4/- a litre in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The details of allocations of high speed diesel (HSD) oil and kerosene to Orissa for the months of August-November, 1980 are as under:—

(Figures in tonnes)

	HSD	Kerosene
August, 1980	12500	6000
September, 1980	12500	6000
October, 1980	11520	6550
November, 1980	13100	5850

(b) The details of allocations of HSD and kerosene to Orissa during

the period December, 1979 to July, 1980 are as under:—

(Figures in tonnes)

	HSD	Kerosene
December, 1979 . . . . .	13432	5371
January, 1980 . . . . .	13735	5667
February, 1980 . . . . .	13420	8323
March, 1980 . . . . .	13455	6480
April, 1980 . . . . .	15700	8520
May, 1980 . . . . .	15770	8500
June, 1980 . . . . .	12500	5490
July, 1980 . . . . .	12500	5670

The HSD allocations in the earlier months were higher because of drought conditions prevalent at that time. Besides, the allocations have also been worked out with reference to sales in the corresponding months in the previous year.

(c) It will not be correct to say that kerosene and diesel are in acute short supply in Orissa. It is for the State Government to take steps for equitable distribution of diesel and kerosene and to ensure that the products are sold at controlled prices.

#### Thermal Power Stations facing Shortage of Coal

359. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Thermal Power Stations are facing crisis because of low stocks of coal with them; and

(b) if so, the reasons for low stocks of coal with them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. In the case of thermal power stations nearer to pitheads, no difficulty is envisaged in maintaining sufficient coal stocks. However, in the case of thermal power stations which get supply of coal by Rail, most of the power stations have not been able to get enough coal supplies to maintain adequate coal stocks. Due to constraints in availability of wagons for movement of coal. Power stations have been getting supplies of coal less than the allocated quantity.

(b) The low stock of coal is due to inadequate availability of wagons and insufficient transportation of coal to thermal power stations. The matter has been taken up with the concerned Ministry.

#### Increase in Oil Refining Capacity

360. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI:

SHRI G. S. REDDI:

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

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to increase the refining capacity in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the number of refineries operating in the country and their refining capacity—refinery-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Several schemes for expansion of refining capacity and addition of secondary processing facilities have been approved or are being processed to increase crude throughput and middle distillate yields in the various refineries.