

3. Frequent voltage fluctuations and power trips affected the commissioning of the plant and delayed the trial production in Panipat. The matter was taken up with Haryana Electricity Board and the situation has since improved. Studies regarding permanent measures to overcome the instability in power supply are on hand.

4. There are no problems of shortage of fuel, oil or coal in the case of Talcher and Ramagundam plants. However, due to severe power restrictions on both the plants the commissioning activities had to be suspended between January, 1980 till July, 1980 and in Talcher again in October, 1980 due to flash floods. With the removal of power cuts the commissioning activities were restarted. The plants have gone into commercial production on 1st November, 1980.

Complaint regarding alleged Smuggling of Films

1138. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a complaint lodged by a prominent film producer and director it has been alleged that the National Film Archives has been smuggling Indian films;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the allegation made; and

(c) if so, result thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUM-MUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c). Some complaints were received from Shri Sohrab Modi about his film 'Pukar'. These were investigated. It was found that the Curator, National

Film Archives of India, Pune sent the film 'Pukar' to Paris without seeking permission of the producer which should have been done in terms of assurance given by the Archive. It was not a case of smuggling of films. However, necessary corrective action has been taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such cases in future.

Shortfall in Production of Nitrogenous Fertilizers

1139. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been heavy shortfall in the production of nitrogenous fertilizers since January, 1980;

(b) if so, the extent of the shortfall in the production of fertilizers since January, 1980.

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to meet the gap between demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The production of nitrogenous fertilizers during the period January to October, 1980 was 16,24,600 tonnes of Nitrogen as against a planned production of 23,62,300 tonnes of Nitrogen.

(c) The shortfall in production was due to various reasons such as power cuts/restrictions, shortage of feed-stock and inputs, mechanical problems and labour problems.

(d) The shortfall between demand and supply of fertilizers is made good by imports.