

Power Stations in the country. The Team has not yet visited the Indraprastha Power Station as it is working quite satisfactorily. There is much less load shedding at present.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Decentralisation of various subsidiaries of Coal India Limited

2043. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering decentralisation of various subsidiaries of Coal India;

(b) if so, by which date; and

(c) the details of such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). The question of reorganisation of the Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries is under consideration of the Government and is likely to be finalised shortly.

Differential pricing policy for oil supply

2044. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether OPEC countries have agreed to adopt differential pricing policy for oil supplies to poor, populous countries like India; and

(b) if not, whether initiative is being taken by Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir. However, the long term strategy committee of OPEC has been considering the approach of OPEC to its relations with developing countries and in particular the issue of relief measures to alleviate the problems of oil importing developing countries.

No final decision in this regard has been taken so far.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Studio of Leh Station of All India Radio

2045. P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the studio of Leh station of All India Radio was built initially on emergency basis for 3 hours programmes but now 9 hours programmes are being broadcast without additional studio facilities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of equipment, transport, additional studies and accommodation for the staff, employees and artistes are facing great difficulties which causes low quality production of programmes; and

(c) if reply to (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to solve the above mentioned problems and when these are to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD BEN. M. JOSHI): (a) to (c). AIR Leh was commissioned in June, 1971 on top priority basis with limited studio facilities, and started broadcasting programmes for 4 hrs. and 45 minutes daily. This has now increased to 9 hours to meet the pressing demands and needs of the region. Since the station was started with limited facilities, difficulties are no doubt being faced. However, every effort is made to produce good quality programmes. Work is also in progress to provide additional technical facilities including more studios and office and residential accommodation.

Removal of brand names in pharmaceuticals

2046. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM,