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Production in various refineries

9750. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KID-WAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some steps have been taken to optimise production in various refineries in the country;

(b) if so, the nature of steps taken; and

(c) when the actual increased production will start and how will it affect imports in future?

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

(b) Some of the main steps are as under:—

(i) The capacity of the existing refineries is being increased by minor modifications and operating changes to the extent possible.

(ii) New projects to improve the product pattern of the existing refineries are being implemented.

(iii) The capacity utilization of the existing refineries is being improved.

(iv) Additional facilities to add to the capacity of the existing refineries are being installed.

(c) While some of the measures mentioned above have already been implemented, others are scheduled for completion during the Sixth Five Year Plan period. These facilities when completed would reduce our import quantities of petroleum products.

Electrification of districts in Madhya Pradesh

9751. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Districts in Madhya Pradesh which were totally electrified as on 31st January 1981; and

(b) the number and names of Districts which shall be totally electrified by March, 1982?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Nil, Sir.

(b) Chhindwara district in Madhya Pradesh has been taken up for hundred percent village electrification by 31.3.1982.

New Fertilizer Factories in Punjab

9752. SHRI L. S. TUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government have approached for the sanction of new fertilizer factories in Punjab keeping in view the shortage of fertilizers specially for Phosphate and nitrogen fertilizers;

(b) whether the Punjab Government have also requested to increase the capacity N.F.L. at Nangal and Bhatinda in Punjab;

(c) what steps have been taken on the request of Punjab Government,

(d) whether it is a fact that fertilizer supplied from other States leaks during transit and in some case the bags are found short up to 10 kg.; and

(e) the details about the acceptability of the demand and action taken regarding short supply of fertilizers?