

(c) to (e). Does not arise at this stage.

Downfall in Fertilizer output

2935. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been steep downfall in Fertilizer output throughout the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the loss suffered due to Assam agitation being not solved so far has mounted to over Rs. 300 crores;

(c) what are the reasons for shortfall in Fertilizer production in other units elsewhere;

(d) whether fertilizers would be imported during 1981-82, if so, in what quantity and from which place;

(e) what are the new targets of fertilizers output during 1981-82; and

(f) what steps have been taken to achieve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) While the production of nitrogenous fertilizers has declined in 1980-81, that of phosphatic fertilizers has recorded an increase.

(b) The loss due to Assam agitation till the end of February, 1981 is estimated to be about 5.41 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen valued at about Rs. 235 crores.

(c) The production of nitrogenous fertilizers in various units has been affected in 1980-81 mainly due to a number of factors such as power cuts/power problems, disruption and stoppage of feedstock supplies to a number of plants in the wake of the Assam agitation.

(d) As the indigenous production would not be adequate to meet the

demand of fertilizers during the year 1981-82, imports would be necessary to bridge the gap between demand and supply. It is not in the public interest to disclose details of imports for the year 1981-82.

(e) The production of fertilizers in 1981-82 is tentatively estimated as 30 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen and 9 Lakh tonnes of P_2O_5 .

(f) Steps have already been taken to augment supplies of feedstock/coal to the various fertilizer plants affected in the past on account of shortage of these materials, except in the case of Gorakhpur and Namrup plants. Efforts are being made to supply adequate feedstock to the Gorakhpur plant, while the Namrup plants are expected to resume normal operation soon.

Power Generation and its Requirement in M.P.

2936. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh requirements of power are not being fulfilled due to various constraints and shortfalls;

(b) if so, how much power was generated in M.P. state through the SEB and Public Sector units in M.P. during the last 5 years;

(c) what is the requirement of M.P. for power during 1981-82 and how much of the shortfall will be supplied by the Central Electricity Authority through Regional Electricity Board; and

(d) what on-going and new proposals are under consideration of Central Government to make M.P. self-sufficient in power generation, give details?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir, There is some shortage of power in Madhya Pradesh.