

Statement

Product	Selling unit	Quantum of increase for each product	
		17-8-79	8-6-80
		Rs.	Rs.
1. A.T.F.	KL	740 00	1100 00
2. M.S. 83 ON.	KL	350 00	650 00
3. M.S. 93 ON.	KL	350 00	650 00
4. H.S.D.O.	KL	170 00*	650 00
5. S.K.O.	KL	170 00*	NIL
6. L.D.O.	KL	320 00	650 00
7. M.L.O.	KL	320 00	650 00
8. F.O. (Non-Fert)	KL	320 00	650 00
9. F.O. (Fert)	KL	NIL	NIL
10. Bitumen St. Gr. BULK	MT	500 00	650 00
11. Bitumen PACKED	MT	500 00	650 00
12. Naphtha (Non-Fert)	MT	1470 00	210 00
13. Naphtha (Fert)	MT	NIL	475 00
14. J.B.O.	MT	200 00	690 00
15. S.B.P.S.55/115/Solvent	KL	750 00	1100 00
16. Do. 64/69/Hexane	KL	750 00	1100 00
17. M.T.O. LAWS	KL	362 00	650 00
18. M.T.O. 140/205	KL	362 00	650 00
19. L.P.G. (DOMESTIC) Packed	MT	333 33	NIL
20. L.P.G. (INDUST.)	MT	333 33	NIL

*Effective 11-9-79 end selling prices of HSD & SKO were reduced by Rs. 69 15 per KL and Rs. 69 05 per KL respectively due to reduction in excise duties.

Barauni Fertilizer plant operational difficulties

114. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that since its commissioning in 1976, the Barauni

Fertilizer Plant has been facing operational difficulties resulting in heavy loss in production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor stating the extent of production loss and damage to the sensitive and sophisticated equipment suffered by the Plant (year-wise); and

(c) the measures taken by Government to remove the difficulties to improve its operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Since its commissioning the Barauni Fertilizer unit has been suffering production losses on account of power problems, equipment and design problems and, o^r late, non-availability of feedstock. The year-wise production loss is as follows:

Year	Production loss (tonnes of Urea)
1977-78.	2,48,000
1978-79.	2,14,000
1979-80.	2,38,000
1980-81.	2,00,000
(till January, 1981)	

The damage to sensitive and sophisticated equipment suffered on account of these problems cannot be quantified at this stage as such damage occurs over a period of time.

(c) After making a thorough investigation into the condition of the plant a number of steps have been taken to improve its performance. Among these are modification of carbamate pumps of the urea plant, increasing the capacity of demineralized water plant, replacement of boiler circulating pump and modification of Carbon Dioxide compressor and its assemblies. Supplies of feedstock have been augmented and work on the installation of a 2.5 MW Captive power plant to product the front end of the plant is in progress.

Autonomy for A.I.R. and Doordarshan

115. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
 SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
 SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:
 SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finally decided not to give autonomy to AIR and Doordarshan despite the recommendations made by various Committees in this regard; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b). The question does not arise as Government policy is to give these Media as much as functional|professional| and financial autonomy as is necessary for their effective and efficient functioning and so Government appointed Parthasarthi Committee to advise the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Requirements of oil and petroleum Products

116. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
 SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
 SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:
 PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:
 SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA:

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

(a) the estimated requirements of oil and petroleum products during 1981-82;

(b) the extent to which the requirement is likely to be met by indigenous production during 1981-82;

(c) the extent to which the country is likely to resort to imports to meet the demand in terms of quantity and value in foreign exchange;

(d) likely impact of imports on the prices of oil and petroleum products; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to reduce dependency on imports?