

been shortages in the supply of cooking gas (LPG) in the Raniganj area due to the reduced availability of LPG from the Haldia refinery, the industrial relations problems in the Pharpur Bottling plant of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Steps have been taken to move LPG from alternate sources to the extent possible. The supply position of LPG is expected to improve in the area with the resumption of normal production in Haldia refinery and with the settlement of the industrial relations problems at the bottling plant of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation.

**Power Projects Awaiting Clearance**

8947. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects awaiting clearance from the Centre at present; and

(b) the steps proposed to clear these projects at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Power generation projects presently awaiting clearance from the Centre are listed in Annexures 1 and 2 laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2454/81].

(b) The appraisal of these projects is being expedited by arranging discussions with project authorities, site inspections and proper co-ordination with various agencies involved, like Central Water Commission, Department of Coal, Railways etc.

**Loss Suffered by Barauni Fertilizer Unit**

8948. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether the Barauni fertilizer unit suffered a loss of Rs. 51 crores during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The Barauni Fertilizer Unit suffered a loss of about Rs. 54 crores during the last 5 years.

**Town and Villages in Haroti Region of Rajasthan, Electrified upto 31st December, 1980**

8949. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of towns and villages in the Haroti region comprising Kota, Bundi and Jhalawar districts of Rajasthan which have been electrified upto 31st December, 1980;

(b) the total number of villages which are yet to be electrified;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for electrifying villages during this year; and

(d) the time by which all the villages in the Haroti region will be provided electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). Details regarding the total number of towns and villages, the number of those electrified up to 31-12-1980 and the number of villages remaining to be electrified in the Haroti Region comprising Kota, Bundi and Jhalawar districts of Rajasthan are indicated below:

Name of District	Total No. of towns	Towns electrified upto 31-12-80	Total No. of census inhabited villages	Villages electrified upto 31-12-80	No. of villages remaining to be electrified beyond Dec., 1980
Kota	6	6	1905	779	1126
Bundi	4	4	789	256	473
Jhalawar	5	5	1441	487	954

(c) and (d). The target for electrification of villages is fixed for the State as whole and the inter-se priority of village electrification is decided by the State Government/State Electricity Board from time to time. During the year 1981-82, the Planning Commission has proposed target of electrifying 1,610 villages in the State of Rajasthan. According to the perspective plan proposal received from the Rajasthan State Electricity Board, all villages in the State are likely to get electrified by 1988-89. The precise details as to the time by which Haroti Region will be electrified are not available.

### छठी योजनावधि के दौरान प्रैस सूचना केन्द्रों का खोला जाना

8950. श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय देश में कार्यरत प्रैस सूचना केन्द्रों की संख्या कितनी है और वे कहाँ-कहाँ हैं ;

(ख) देश में उन स्थानों के क्या नाम हैं जहाँ छठी योजनावधि के दौरान इस प्रकार के केन्द्र खोलने का विचार है ;

(ग) ये केन्द्र कब तक खोले जायेंगे; और

(घ) यदि इस प्रकार का कोई भी केन्द्र खोलने का विचार नहीं है तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री बसंत साठे) : (क) कोहिमा में एक कार्यालय व सूचना केन्द्र के अलावा, पत्त सूचना कार्यालय के नई दिल्ली, जालन्धर, धीनगर, इम्फाल, एजवाल और पोर्ट ब्लेयर में 6 सूचना केन्द्र हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) . एक कार्यालय व सूचना केन्द्र हिमाचल प्रदेश में

शिमला में भी खोला जा रहा है । अन्य सात कार्यालय व सूचना केन्द्र छठी पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान खोलने का प्रस्ताव है । तथापि, इनके स्थान अभी निश्चित किए जाने हैं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

### Setting up of Projects for Nylon Filament Unit in Madurai District

8951. SHRI A. G. SUBBURAMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state.

(a) the position of the public sector projects which were to be set up in Madurai district viz. Nylon Textiles Filament Unit at a cost of Rs. 10 crores; and

(b) whether the above projects have been included in the Sixth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) There is no proposal for setting up any such project in central public sector. However, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited who were issued a letter of intent for the manufacture of Nylon Filament Yarn in 1971 indicated Madurai as a possible location for the project.

(b) Does not arise.

### Sulphuric Acid Plant in Kerala

8952. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any application for the sulphuric acid plant in Alleppey District in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken