

Free Sale of Kerosene :**316. SHRI CHRISTOPHER EKKA:****SHRI NAWAL KISHORE
SHARMA:**

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

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce free sale of kerosene and for the abolition of Control system;

(b) if so, when such proposal is going to be introduced;

(c) whether free sale of kerosene will also be introduced in various States; and

(d) the progress made so far in the implementation of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Proposals of this nature have been received in the Ministry.

(b) to (d). Various related issues such as the overall indigenous availability of kerosene from the refineries, quantity to be imported; likely increase in demand as a result of liberal release, possibility of diversion of kerosene for adulterating diesel because of the appreciable price differential between these two products and the difficulties likely to be faced in reverting, if necessary, the system of controlled distribution at a future date, have to be gone into before any final decision is taken.

Supply of Electricity by D.V.C. to Orissa

317. SHRI CHRISTOPHER EKKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Damodar Valley Corporation has been supplying electricity to Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the total of electricity supplied so far (from May, 1981);

(c) what is the daily average supply and for how many hours does the Damodar Valley Corporation supply electricity daily; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Sir. Damodar Valley Corporation has been supplying electricity to Orissa since March, 1981.

(b) Total quantum of electricity supplied from May to July, 1981 was 3172 MWH.

(c) and (d).

| | Daily average Supply. (MWH) | Daily average duration of supply (Hours) |
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| May '81 | 215 | 10 |
| June '81 | 10 | 0.5 |
| July '81 | 136 | 6.5 |

Formation of National Grid Corporation

318. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a National Grid Corporation;

(b) if so, its broad outlines and when it is likely to come into being; and

(c) whether it would cover the eastern region, particularly West Bengal also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The proposal to set up a National Grid Corporation has not yet been finalised.

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