

(d) The present policy is to make allocation of kerosene to all States/ Union Territories after allowing 5% growth over the allocations/sales made during the corresponding period of the previous year. However, allocation to Karnataka has been made in line with the above policy. Due to *ad-hoc* allocations from time to time the actual sales went up from 221483 metric tonnes in 1980 to 244966 metric tonnes which is 10.6% more.

Building of Electronic Telephone Exchanges

2659. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to build electronic telephone exchanges with own expertise; and

(b) if so, the main features of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first few installations would be carried out by our own engineers with the advice of the specialist of the collaborator. Subsequent installations would be carried out entirely with our own expertise.

Experts Visit to Italy to Study Offshore Technology

2660. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of experts will visit Italy to study advanced off-shore technology; and

(b) if so, what would be the composition of the team and by what time it will be decided to send the team to Italy ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) and (b). A delegation from the ENI, a State owned company of Italy, visited India in February, 1982 and held detailed discussions, inter alia, with representatives of ONGC. Areas of mutual interest were identified and ONGC will pursue further action in these areas, including the question of a visit by a team of experts to Italy.

Comprehensive 15 Year Perspective Plan for Power Generation

2661. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a comprehensive 15-year perspective plan for power generation in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The plan will cover a period of 15 years upto 1995 initially and later it will be extended to 20 years upto 2000 AD. It is expected to incorporate an optimal mix of thermal, hydel and nuclear generation. The main objective of the study is to identify the optimal path of power development in the country consistent with the desired perspective of economic growth. The exercise will include the identification of specific projects for which all the inputs such as coal and rail transport are