

Statement

Statement showing number of LPG distributor ships/subdistributorships awarded and commissioned by oil companies as on 31-7-1981.

S. No.	State	Total	SC	ST
1.	Andhra Pradesh	92	1	—
2.	Assam	10	2	—
3.	Bihar	34	2	1
4.	Gujarat	118	5	1
5.	Haryana	17	—	—
6.	Himachal Pradesh	3	2	—
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	19	—	—
8.	Karnataka	66	3	—
9.	Kerala	22	1	—
10.	Madhya Pradesh	55	1	—
11.	Maharashtra	302	8	1
12.	Manipur	1	—	1
13.	Meghalaya	2	—	—
14.	Nagaland	2	—	1
15.	Orissa	20	1	1
16.	Punjab	13	—	—
17.	Rajasthan	11	—	—
18.	Sikkim	1	—	—
19.	Tamil Nadu	73	2	—
20.	Tripura	1	—	1
21.	Uttar Pradesh	71	3	—
22.	West Bengal	92	5	—
23.	Chandigarh	6	2	—
24.	Delhi	83	3	—
25.	Mizoram	1	—	1
26.	Pondicherry	2	—	—
27.	Goa, Daman & Diu	14	—	—
	Total	1131	41	8

Proposal for creating new Electricity Circle Biharsharif

352. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bihar Electricity Board had submitted a proposal for creating a new Electricity Circle at Biharsharif the Distt. Headquarter of Nalanda in the State of Bihar before the Central Government ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Biharsharif fulfils all the requirements for such a circle ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have turned down the proposal, if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY : (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Boosting Power Generation and Coal Production during Sixth Plan period

353. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre Plans to boost power generation by 19,966 MW and coal production to a level beyond 160.5 MT annually by the end of this Five Year Plan period ;

(b) whether it is a fact that during 1980-81 the coal production targets were achieved in comparison to the earlier targets ; and

(c) to what extent the coal targets are likely to be achieved during 1982 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) (a): The target for additional installed capacity in utilities during the Sixth Plan is 19,666 MW and the coal production target for the same year has been fixed at 165 million tonnes.

(b) Table given below indicates the target and production of 1980-81 and the two preceding years :

Year	(Million Tonnes)	
	Target	Production
1978-79	106.40	101.95
1979-80	104.31	103.95
1980-81	113.50	113.90

(c) Barring unforeseen circumstances the coal targets fixed for 1981-82 are expected to be achieved fully.

Acute Power Shortage in Karnataka in January, 1982

354. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was an acute shortage of power in Karnataka State during the month of January, 1982;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that the water level in the Sharavathi hydel Project was going down which had resulted in low generating capacity;

(d) whether the State Government had requested the Centre to ask the neighbouring States to provide the power but no State Government had provided the same to the State; and

(e) what were the main reasons for this and to what extent the situation has improved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) During January, 1982, the energy availability in Karnataka was 22 million units per day as against the requirement of 25 million units per day resulting in a shortage of the order of about 12 per cent as against 19% during January, 1979.

(b) The main reason for reduced power supply is lower generation at Kalinadi Hydel Project.

(c) No Sir. The water level in Sharavathi hydel reservoir during this year compares favourably with that of the water level during the same period last year. At present, generation at Sharavathi has been maintained at an average 14.5 MU per day.

(d) and (e). Bilateral negotiations have been finalised between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka for assistance from Andhra Pradesh to the extent of 1.5 million units per day subject to the performance of the thermal stations in Andhra Pradesh. At present, Karnataka is receiving about 1 million units per day and 0.7 million units per day from Kerala and Andhra Pradesh respectively. Karnataka is also receiving assistance from Maharashtra from time to time during the off-peak hours at night.

Prospects for Oil

355. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether oil experts are of the opinion that prospects for oil strikes in 1982 appear to be good ;