

are in the waiting list in New Delhi for getting L.P.G. connections from Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Gas Company ;

(b) the efforts proposed to be made by Government to expedite the supply of L.P.G. to the persons in the waiting list ; and

(c) the total number of persons in New Delhi expected to be given L.P.G. connections in 1982-83 ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) There are at present about 3,65,000 applicants for cooking gas (LPG) connections in the waiting lists of the Indian Oil Corporation and the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

(b) and (c). With the increased availability of LPG in the country, about 8 lakh new LPG connections have been released during 1981-82 (till November). It is planned to enrol 14 lakh customers during 1982-83. The State-wise details are yet to be finalised.

Colour T. V.

434. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken final decision regarding the introduction of colour TV transmission in the country ;

(b) if so, when such colour TV transmission is proposed to be introduced in New Delhi ;

(c) the names of other cities where such colour TV transmission is proposed to be set up at the same time ; and

(d) the details about the decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d). No final decision regarding introduction of colour TV in the country has been taken. The existing decision is to transmit Asian Games in colour for foreign broadcasting organisations.

Allotment of L. P. G. on Recommendation of Members of Parliament

435. SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT :

SHRI RESHMA MOTIRAM BHOYE :

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH :

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :

SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA ;

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

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

(a) the total number of applications for L. P. G. connections recommended by each Member of Parliament during the years 1980 to 1982 and 1st January to 31st January, 1982 on medical grounds;

(b) whether all such recommendations have been honoured by Government;

(c) if not, the number of recommendations of each Member honoured;

(d) what is the reason of desparity; and

(e) the date by which all such recommendations will be honoured ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) to (c). About 7500 applications for cooking gas (LPG) connections recommended by the Members of Parliament have been received in the Ministry from October 1980 to January 1982 out of which LPG connections have been released in respect of 6410 cases. The details of the applications recommended by each Member of Parliament are not readily available.

(d) and (e). There has been no disparity in the release of LPG connections in the above cases. The balance number of applications pending will be disposed of on merits shortly.

Hindrance in capacity utilisation of Talcher Fertilizer Plant

436. SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether full capacity utilisation of Talcher Fertilizer Unit is being held up due to poor quality of coal; and

(b) steps being taken to ensure maximum production of this unit by the supply of quality coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The Talcher plant is not able to achieve full capacity utilisation due to a number of factors, the poor quality of coal being one of them.

(b) The matter has been taken up by the Company with M/s. Central Collieries Limited, the supplier of coal. The possibility of installing a beneficiation plant to improve the quality of coal supplied to the fertilizer plant is being explored.

Personnel sent to Foreign Countries Training in Colour T. V.

437. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether some personnel have been sent by Government to some foreign countries for training in colour T. V. ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the country(ies) to which these persons have been sent for training, the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on each of them and the manner in which the selection of the persons was made for the training ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). A statement indicating the names of persons and countries visited, the expenditure incurred in this regard is laid on the Table of the House [*Placed in Library See. No. LT-3357/82*]. These persons were deputed to foreign countries to attend colour TV seminar and training courses on colour TV coverage of Asian Games, 1982. The selection of persons was made on the basis of seniority-cum-merit, qualifications, experience and expertise in the field, prospective utilisation of training for the benefit of the organisation.

Visit of Delegation to USSR for Supply of Crude

438. 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 delegation visited USSR recently to have discussions for the supply of crude oil for the year 1982; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the discussions ?