

April-June, 1981 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4466/82].

(b) The production during the period April-June, 1982 fell short of the prorata capacity by 3,52,000 tonnes of Nitrogen and 91,000 tonnes of P 2. O 5. It may be clarified that most of the plants take their annual maintenance turn around during this period.

The loss in production of fertilizers is mainly on account of equipment problems, power problems and labour problems.

(c) Various remedial steps like modification/replacements of equipments, installation of captive power generation facilities in the plants affected by unstable power supply, etc. are being taken with a view to improving the production performance of the fertilizer plants.

#### Casual announcers in A. I. R.

4836. SHRI RAMAYAN RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that persons are booked in AIR to work as casual announcers;

(b) is it also a fact that there are many General Assistants and Production Assistants who have been doing comparing work and whose voice is very good;

(c) if so, the reasons why these staff artists are not given a chance to work as announcer, in addition to their duties;

(d) is it a fact that staff artists are working in the same capacity for a number of years and have no incentive in AIR; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose giving preference to General Assistants and Production Assistants and to give them chance to work as announcer after due audition?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT THE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. They have been recruited for desk jobs and are assigned only such jobs.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Promotional avenues are available for contract Staff Artists as provided in the recruitment rules for various categories. Moreover, General Assistants and Production Assistants have been identified as a category which will be government servants and given pension. Their promotion chances are, therefore, expected to improve further.

(e) No, Sir. Even now General Assistants and Production Assistants can compete for the posts of Announcers in the direct recruitment Quota subject to their being eligible as per educational qualifications etc.

#### Setting up Small Doordarshan Stations

4837. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have small Doordarshan Stations in different Union Territories situated in border areas; and

(b) if so, the stations under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). In the Special Plan for providing TV service in North Eastern Region, utilisation of low power relay transmitters is provided for.

#### Price of Petrol and Diesel at Port Blair.

4838. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of petrol and diesel per litre at Port Blair, Rangat, Mayabunder, Diglipur, Car Nicobar in the Union Territory of A&N Islands; and

(6) whether Government have any plan to sell these items of essential requirement at a uniform rate, which prevails throughout the country; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### S.T.D. Facilities to Port Blair

4839. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for extending satellite communication facilities through our own satellite to Digliput, Mayabunder, Rangat and Campbell Bay in the Union Territory of A&N Islands. If so, what action Government contemplate to take; and

(b) whether Government are considering to have STD facilities to Port Blair and when this will be implemented, with details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Use of very small Earth Stations at such remote low traffic areas to work with INSAT is under study.

(b) Yes, Sir, the Government is considering to provide STD facilities to Port Blair by utilising INSAT Channels.

Port Blair is likely to be connected to Calcutta, TAX for this purpose and the scheme is likely to be implemented during the current plan.

#### New Telegraph System in Tamil Nadu

4840. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:  
SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU  
MALLU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new telegraph system has been launched in Tamil Nadu for speedy transmission of telegrams;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved;

(c) whether it is also likely to be introduced in other part of the country; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telegraph offices connected to Store and Forward system work directly into Micro-processor Memory which analyses and retransmits each message according to its priority. The message is printed out at destination within a few minutes with perfectly reshaped signals. During interruptions the system stores the message and forwards it immediately on restoration. The present system is designed to link 14 stations with facility to interwork with other systems. It is already linked to a second system at Hyderabad on experimental basis. The results achieved are very encouraging. The inordinate transit delays have been reduced substantially.

(c) Extension of Store & Forward system to the other part of the country is under consideration.

(d) The time targets are yet to be drawn.

#### Proposal for setting up new Coal based Fertiliser Plant

4841. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install a coal-bearing fertiliser plant in the country;

(b) if so, what is the progress made in this respect; and

(c) the city selected for locating the said plant and by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There are two coal based fertilizer plants at Ramagundam and Talcher. The work on the third Coal-based Fertilizer plant at Korba which has been stopped, would be resumed only after sufficient experience is gained from the operation of the first two coal-based