

power plants to insulate the operations of vital industries from power cuts and fluctuations;

(b) if so, which of these houses have been permitted to set up such plants, their location and capacity, the country of import of plant and machinery, the capital-outlay involved and when these are likely to generate power;

(c) whether this power will be exclusively for their use or is it open to them to sell it to the public or other industries also in the vicinity; and

(d) if so, the broad outlines of this power supply to public or private State/Units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): Under the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, any person can set up a captive power plant by seeking the permission of the appropriate State Electricity Board. In cases where the captive power plant is above 25 MW capacity, the State Electricity Board is required to consult the Central Electricity Authority before granting the permission.

(b) The details of the captive plant below 25 MW capacity are not at present available.

(c) and (d). When a private sector industry is permitted to set up a captive power plant, the power generated from the plant is used only by that industry.

Effect of acute power shortage on coal and Steel industry in Bengal-Bihar belt

4860. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL:
REDDY:

SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that acute power shortage has hit the key industries like coal and steel in the Bengal-Bihar belt;

(b) whether the erratic power supply from DVC is responsible for this state of affairs;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that supply of power from the northern grid has also been suspended and some of the units at the DVC are already overused; and

(d) if so, when the situation is likely to improve.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (d). DVC has achieved a Plant Load Factor of 52.4 per cent in the first half of 1982 as against the All India average of about 47 per cent in 1981-82. There has been increase in the power supply from DVC to Steel and Coal Industries during the period January-June in 1982 as compared to the power supply during the corresponding period of 1981 as would be seen from the table below:—

Period	Supply to	
	Steel	Coal
Jan-June '81	756.4 MU	689.7 MU
Jan.-June '82	843.0 MU	702.98 MU

Steel and Coal Industries linked to DVC system claim that they have suffered some loss in production due to fluctuations in power supply. Due to non-availability of surplus power, no assistance is presently given from northern grid to DVC for supply to coal.

Diesel shortage in States

4861. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether diesel is in short supply in most of the States since the demand has increased due to delayed monsoons and more diesel is needed for irrigation sets/pumps and elsewhere in agriculture sector;

(b) if so, whether he is considering more diesel to be rushed to the effected States; and

(c) if so, to which of the States and the quantity thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI

P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) to (c). Due to the delayed/weak monsoon and on account of inadequate power supply, the demand for High Speed Diesel oil has gone up in most of the States. To cope with the increased demand for this Product from the agricultural and industrial Sectors, larger quantities of diesel are being positioned at the supply installations and depots.

During the month of July' 82, the supplies of diesel were higher by 13 per cent compared to July' 81 and the demand has been fully met.

For the month of August, 1982, the movement of diesel is planned to meet the demand at 20 per cent growth instead of 6 per cent growth originally envisaged. The oil companies are geared to meet the full market requirement of diesel in the country.

पिथौरागढ़ जिला मुख्यालय से दिल्ली और लखनऊ के लिए "नो डिले सिस्टम" आरम्भ किया जाना

4862. श्री हरीश रावत: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिथौरागढ़ जिला मुख्यालय (उत्तर प्रदेश) टेलीफोन केन्द्र से लखनऊ और दिल्ली के लिए "नो डिले सिस्टम" आरम्भ करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह सेवा कब तक आरम्भ की जाएगी ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री विजय एन. पाटील): (क) जी हां ।

(ख) पिथौरागढ़ (उ. प्र.) से लखनऊ और दिल्ली के लिए अचलव ट्रंक सेवा 1985 तक प्रदान कर दी जाएगी ।

अलमोड़ा और पिथौरागढ़ जिलों (उत्तर प्रदेश) के लिए कुकिंग गैस एजेंट की नियुक्ति

4863. श्री हरीश रावत : क्या पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के अलमोड़ा और पिथौरागढ़ जिलों के विभिन्न स्थानों यथा ताढ़ीखेत-चिलियानोला, बागेश्वर-द्वाराहाट-बेरीनाग-गंगोलीघाट-चंपावत लोहा घाट डीदी-घाट-धारचूला-मुन्शीघारी को कुकिंग गैस का वितरण करने के लिए कुमार विकास निगम को नियुक्त किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब और क्या इन स्थानों में उपभोक्ताओं को कुकिंग गैस वितरित की जा रही है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इन स्थानों के उपभोक्ताओं को गैस किस तिथि तक मिलेगी ?

पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री पी. शिव. शंकर) : (क) जी, हां । द्वाराहाट और चंपावत रहित ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) कुमाऊं मण्डल विकास निगम लिमिटेड ने इन क्षेत्रों में खाना पकाने की गैस (एल. पी. जी.) के वितरण के लिए अभी तक आवश्यक व्यवस्थाएँ नहीं की हैं । आवश्यक व्यवस्था करने के लिए निगम लगभग 6 महीनों की और अवधि लेगा ।

Problems Faced by Durgapur Fertilizer Plant of H.F.C.

4864. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Durgapur Unit of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation has been facing production trouble since March, 1982 as the silos are full to the brim; and

(b) the quantity of uncleared stocks as on 15-7-82 in the Durgapur Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Durgapur Unit of M/s, Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. had cut back on production from 19th February, 1982 to 11th March, 1982 and from 6th April, 1982 to 5th May, 1982 due to high accumulated stock during that period.