

(c) It is expected that the disputes in respect of Krishna and Narmada will be settled within a year. Regarding Godavari, it is difficult to state any date as the arguments on the dispute have not yet been taken up by the Tribunal.

Closure of Nangal Fertilizer Plant due to shortage of Power and resultant loss thereby

338. SHRI E. V. VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nangal Fertilizer Plant is likely to be closed down due to shortage of power;

(b) the extent and break-up of loss in production sustained as a result of shortage of power during the current year; and

(c) the alternative steps proposed to combat the present power crisis holding up the functioning of the plant to full capacity?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE):

(a). No, Sir.

(b) During the period 1-1-1972 to 31-10-1972, the Nangal Unit suffered a production loss of about 19,500 tonnes of Nitrogen and 2700 Kgs. of heavy water on account of power cuts.

(c) With a view to reducing the power requirements of this factory, a large programme for its expansion based on fuel oil in lieu of electricity as the feedstock is under consideration.

Supply of Cooking Gas by foreign Oil Companies

339. SHRI E. V. VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA:

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

(a) whether some of the Foreign Oil Companies are not able to make the supply of cooking gas to their customers;

(b) if so, whether Government have tried to find out the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE):

(a) to (c). There were sporadic shortages of LPG for domestic use during the months of July and August last. These shortages were mainly on account of transport difficulties due to breaches and the inadequate availability of the products with the Burmah-Shell and Esso Refineries. The IOC has now made available some quantities of the product to these two companies to enable them to meet requirements of their existing customers. IOC has also decided to take over some of the customers of Burmah-Shell and Esso to ensure regular supplies to these customers. The position has now considerably improved with these measures being taken. Efforts are being made to normalise the position as soon as possible.

Target for Utilisation of River Water for Irrigation

340. SHRI E. V. VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target for the utilisation of river water for irrigation during the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the total amount of loss estimated due to interstate river water disputes during the Fourth Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL):

(a) and (b). The target for additional irrigation in the Fourth Plan for major and medium projects was 4.8 million hectares out of which 4.7 million hectares were to be provided by schemes already under construction. A number of new projects have also been accepted by the Planning