

Dislocation of Power Generation and supply in U.P. due to Shortage of Coal

5311. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to critical coal supply position in U.P. State there is an immediate danger of complete dislocation of power generation and supply;

(b) whether the Harduaganj thermal Power Station in Aligarh district with 210 MW installed capacity was likely to close down immediately due to coal shortage; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT):

(a) Though the general level of coal stocks in the power stations in U.P. has gone down, there is no immediate danger of dislocation of power generation and supply in that State.

(b) The coal stock position at Harduaganj 'B' power station with 210 MW installed capacity has been precarious for the last 2 to 3 months. The station has, however, not had to close down on this account.

(c) Sustained efforts are being made jointly with the Department of Mines and the Ministry of Railways to maintain continuity of coal supply to the power stations:

- (i) A Standing Linkage Committee has been set up in the Department of Mines to review the monthly allocation of coal to power stations.
- (ii) A Control Room has been set up in the Ministry of Railways to review the daily supply and stocks of coal at different power stations.
- (iii) A Joint Cell has been created at Calcutta to review the loading and allotment of wagons for movement of coal to the thermal power stations.

Names of persons killed in accident near Moradabad on the 20th February, 1974

5312. SHRI LAMBODAR BALIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the names of the passengers who died in the train accident near Moradabad on the mid-night of the 20th February, 1974?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): In the accident which took place at Kathgarh Left Bank station near Moradabad in the early hours of 21-2-1974, 42 persons were killed of whom 27 have been identified so far. Their names are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Names of persons who were killed in the accident at Kathgarh Left Bank station on 21st February, 1974 and have been identified.

1. Shri Tara Chand, Meerut.
2. Shri Banwari Lal, Moradabad.
3. Shri Umrao Singh, Kedarpur (Distt. Bijnor).
4. Smt. Radha Devi, Nagina.
5. Shri Mohinder Singh, Nagina.
6. Shri Chet Ram, Bareilly.
7. Km. Ram Kumari Devi, Lucknow.
8. Shri Raghunandan Tewari, Laksar.
9. Shri Mahavir Singh, Silla (Dist. Bijnor).
10. Smt. Rama Devi, Meeta Kehra (Distt. Lucknow).
11. Smt. Kamlesh, Meeta Kehra (Distt. Lucknow).
12. Shri Sheetla Bux Singh, Meeta Kehra (Distt. Lucknow).
13. Shri Vinod Kumar Tyagi, Sisauna (Distt Bijnor).
14. Shri Ram Bhagat, Alambagh, Lucknow.
15. Shri Lalji Prasad, Jagadhari.

16. Smt. Asha Rani, Jagadhari.
 17. Babloo, Jagadhari (Son of Shri Lalji Prasad).
 18. Shri Ram Lal, Katia (Distt. Sitapur.).
 19. Shri Suraj Prasad. Kalibari Sitapur).
 20. Smt. Shiv Devi, Chowki Chitwapur (Distt. Lucknow).
 21. Smt. Shibbo Devi, Kalibari (Distt. Bareilly).
 22. Shri Sachida Ashram, Varanasi.
 23. Shri Tirath Deo, Ashram, Varanasi.
 24. Shri Hari Bhagat Mishra. Lucknow..
 25. Shri Itwari, Durg (M.P.).
 26. Smt. Saraswati Devi, Padrialpur (Kanpur).
 27. Shri Partap Narain Srivastva, Bisawana (Distt. Sultanpur).

Offer made by OPEC to hold Petroleum Prices

5313. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the offer made by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting countries in their meeting held at Geneva to hold the petroleum prices till April 1, 1974 and to have consultations with the oil importing countries on measures 'jointly to combat inflation';

(b) Government's reaction to the said offers; and

(c) the broad outlines of the consultations, if any held between Government of India and the OPEC representatives, individually or jointly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c). OPEC, as an organisation, and its member Governments, are considering various

multilateral as well as bilateral methods in minimising the impact of steep price increased particularly for developing and underdeveloped countries. In so far as India is concerned, with a view to softening the impact of the increase in crude oil prices, bilateral arrangements with a number of Gulf countries have been or are being entered into. OPEC's plans for multilateral action have not been finalised.

Discussion on Crude Export by Indo-Iranian Joint Committee

5314. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the meeting of the Indo-Iranian Joint Committee for Economic, Trade and Technical Co-operation held in January this year; the question of crude imports from Iran and of payment therefor was discussed;

(b) if so, the precise proposals made by India thereat in this regard and the outcome of the discussions thereon; and

(c) the broad outlines of the relief or concession secured from Iran in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The information has been given in reply to unstarred question No. 58 answered in Lok Sabha on 19-2-1974 and the statement of the Minister for External Affairs in the Lok Sabha on 22-2-1974.

राजस्थान में सिंचाई तथा विद्युत परियोजनायें

5315. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय राजस्थान में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा सिंचाई तथा विद्युत की