

shortage for a couple of months resulting in restrictions on the consumption of power by load-shedding. This shortage is due to the fact that the augmentation of power generating capacity in the State has not kept pace with the demand and the plant availability was low.

(c) No power is being diverted to U.P. at the cost of West Bengal.

Setting up a Committee for selection of sites for Thermal Stations in Fifth Plan

6138. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up a Committee to select the sites for setting up large thermal power stations in the Central sphere in the Fifth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by this Committee; and

(c) what are the decisions of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Committee has visited the various sites and is expected to submit its report shortly.

Oil Source Discovered at Charali in Assam

6139. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR:

SHRI TARUN GOGOI:

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

(a) whether new oil source has been recently discovered in Assam; and

(b) if so, whether oil was struck at Charali in Assam?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

Measures against Power Failures in Delhi during Summer Months

6140. SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken necessary measures to ensure that frequent power failures do not occur during summer months in Delhi as in the last year; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking has taken adequate measures, such as proper maintenance of plant and equipment, to maintain optimum generation from its power stations during the coming summer months.

Power Loss in Transmission by DESU

6141. SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present DESU is losing 10 per cent power in transmission which is on the high side; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to reduce these losses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The losses in the distribution system of Delhi Electric Supply