

**Strategy for Crude Oil Supplies to
Agriculture**

4665. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn any strategy for oil supplies in sufficient quantities to meet the urgent needs of agriculture; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). There is at present a heavy demand of High Speed Diesel Oil and Light Diesel Oil for agricultural sector, mostly due to the failure of winter rains. Action has been taken to increase the production of diesel oils in refineries to the maximum extent possible. Following steps have been taken for this purpose:—

- (i) Production of other middle distillates has been reduced to correspondingly increase the production of diesel oils.
- (ii) Certain specifications of diesel oils have been relaxed temporarily to ensure maximum production.
- (iii) Certain relaxations have been permitted in F.O. also and the use of heavier viscosity oil is being encouraged to allow increased production of diesel oils.

(iv) Priority is being given to the movement of diesel oils particularly to the north-west region where demand of agricultural sector is the highest.

**Irrigation and Power Schemes in
West Bengal**

4666. SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major and medium irrigation schemes and power schemes submitted by West Bengal Government during the last two years to the Centre for development of irrigation and power in the State;

(b) the particulars of schemes sanctioned by the Centre and the amount approved therefor; and

(c) how many of these approved by the Centre and the amount approved and the present stage of the approved schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Two major and eleven medium irrigation schemes and five power schemes have been received from the Government of West Bengal during the last two years.

(b) and (c). Of these, three medium irrigation schemes and three power schemes have been approved by the Planning Commission. These schemes have not been completed so far.

The details and present stage of these approved schemes are given below :—

Sl. No.	Name of scheme	Cost in Re. lakhs	Benefit in 000' hectares	Present position
			Installed capacity (in MW)	
<i>(a) Irrigation Schemes</i>				
1.	Taragoma	36.83	0.91	Approved by the Planning Commission on 8-2-74
2.	Parga	41.62	0.92	Work not yet started
3.	Moutoryore	40.29	1.07	likely to be completed in first two years of Fifth Plan
<i>(b) Power Generation Schemes</i>				
1.	Kolaghat Thermal Power Station	11,559.00	3x200	Approved by the Planning Commission in June, 1973. Orders for certain equipment have been placed. Possession of land has been taken. The target date of commissioning of 1st Unit is October, 1978
2.	Jaldhal Hydro Electric Stage II	316.00	2x1	Approved by the Planning Commission in October, 1973. Preliminary action for Civil Works has been taken. The target date of commissioning is 1975-79
3.	Ripnabhatan Hydro Electric Stage II	136.00	2x1	Approved by the Planning Commission in October, 1973. Work will commence in 1974-75

Proposal from Hindustan Lever Limited for setting up of Sodium Tripolyphosphate Plant at Haldia

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

(a) whether Government have received proposal from Hindustan Levers Limited for setting up a sodium tripolyphosphate plant at Haldia, in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposal alongwith the capital and other costs involved; and

(c) whether the project has not yet been given clearance, if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Main features/details of the proposal are as under:—

(i) The proposal envisages manufacture of:

	tonnes/annum
Sodium Tripolyphosphate	30,000
Sulphuric Acid	54,000
Phosphoric Acid	19,500

(ii) Nearly 50 per cent of the production of Sodium Tripolyphosphate will be