

not favoured the separation of generation from distribution. In the restructuring scheme, as finalised, the State Governments are to take a final decision on the question of separating generation from distribution.

Suggestions from NPC to cut Fuel Costs to Industries

3024. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Productivity Council has suggested techniques to cut fuel costs of industries; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) National Productivity Council is rendering fuel efficiency consultancy services which help industries in adopting well established technological principles whereby fuel consumption can be reduced. It has not developed any special fuel efficiency technique to reduce fuel costs of industries. It had, however, prepared a working paper giving suggestions to generally reduce fuel consumption in the country by 5 per cent in 1974. These suggestions are under consideration of the Government.

Use of Fuel Oil in Power Plants

3025. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that future power plants shall not use fuel oil; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to implement this decision in a manner that will not affect power generation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) A decision has been taken that future power plants shall be coal fired and shall not be use oil as primary fuel. Adequate quantity of coal and secondary, oil fuel would be arranged for these plants so that the generation does not suffer.

Equipment for Guiding and Controlling Rockets from Ground Stations

3026. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether equipment for guiding and controlling rockets during flight from ground stations is being developed; and

(b) if so, the progress so far made?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) An inertial guidance technique is being developed to control rockets during flight using instruments carried by the vehicle itself. Development work is progressing in respect of all subsystems needed and some instruments have already been successfully flight tested.

Safe Transit of spent Fuel from Rajasthan Atomic Power Project to Power Reactor Fuel Re-processing Plant at Tarapur

3027. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether studies have been started to examine the security aspects of the safe transit of spent fuel from Rajasthan Atomic Power Project to Power Reactor Fuel Re-Processing Plant at Tarapur; and