

12. Estonia
13. Latvia
14. Mogadishu - Temporarily closed
15. Micronesia
16. Marshall Islands

(\* Concurrently accredited from our resident Mission in Fiji till 1989)

(b) Steps are being undertaken to establish India's Diplomatic representations through concurrent accreditation in the following countries in near future.

1. Lithuania
2. Estonia
3. Latvia

[*English*]

#### **Karnal Refinery Project**

1186. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have permitted the Indian Oil Corporation to implement its Karnal Refinery Project on its own or as a joint venture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this project; and

(d) the progress made so far and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). It has been decided that Karnal Refinery is to be set up by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on its own. As per detailed feasibility report submitted by IOC which is under the consideration of Government, the cost of this project is

estimated to be about Rs. 2000 crores (April, 1991 prices).

[*Translation*]

#### **Market Intervention Scheme for Apples**

1187. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount released to Himachal Pradesh under Market Intervention Scheme during last two years for the purchase of Apples, Pears and Cherries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): No amount has been released to Himachal Pradesh for purchase of Apples under the Market Intervention Scheme which was launched for the first time in Himachal Pradesh during 1990-91. Government of India has to share 50% of losses under the scheme with the State Government on production of audited accounts of the operations which are yet awaited. There has been no market intervention operation with Himachal Pradesh in Pears and Cherries so far.

#### **Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal Project**

1188. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work relating to the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal project in Punjab has been entrusted to the Border Roads Organisation; and

(b) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal Project is under construction with the Government of Punjab. Necessary actions for entrusting the work to an appropriate new agency/agencies are under consideration of that Government. The time schedule for completing the project will

depend upon the nature and capacity of the new agency/agencies to be engaged by the Government of Punjab.

[English]

**Allocation of Kerosene to Kerala**

1189. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of kerosene allocated to Kerala during the last one year;

(b) whether there is any request to increase the quota of Kerosene to Kerala; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND)

(a) The quantity of Kerosene allocated to Kerala during 1990-91 was 265052 Tonnes.

(b) and (c). Requests have been received from Kerala as well as from other State Government for enhancement of SKO allocation. Requests, whenever received, are considered and decisions taken keeping in view various factors including products

availability etc.

[Translation]

**Mining at Pathakhera Coal Belt, Maharashtra**

1190. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether clearance has been given for extraction of coal in the Pathakhera coal-belt, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith expenditure incurred and its production capacity;

(c) whether extraction work has been started there and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be started; and

(e) the names of places where the new coal washeries have been set up/proposed to be set up to provide coal to power stations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). There are four sanctioned projects working in Pathakhera coalfield. The details are given below :-