

depends upon its availability. There has been no reduction in allocation of paraffin wax to Kerala in the past few years. However the availability in the current quarter is lower as imports for the current year have not arrived. Hence prorata curtailment of releases to all States uniformly has been made during April-

June 1990.

(c) During the last three years the prices of paraffin wax have been revised only once i.e. w.e.f. 20.3.1990. The Basic Ceiling Selling prices (ex-storage point prices) of paraffin wax 1st quality and PI Grade were revised w.e.f. 20.3.1990 as follows:

| | <i>Rs./MT</i> | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | <i>BCSP prior to revision</i> | <i>BCSP w.e.f. 20.3.1990</i> |
| Paraffin wax (1st Quality) | 8951.24 | 11601.24 |
| Paraffin wax (PI Grade) | 9050.42 | 11700.42 |

(d) Indigenous production of Type I and II paraffin wax is only to the extent of about 55 percent of the demand and the rest has to be imported. The cost of imported paraffin wax is very high. However, the uniform selling price at which paraffin wax is sold to the consumers involves substantial subsidies. In view of this selling price of paraffin wax had to be revised. Even after revision, the selling price of paraffin wax continues to be subsidised and it is lower than the international price.

Neem Based Insecticidal Products.

6266. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Insecticides Limited propose to develop, promote, manufacture and market neem based insecticidal products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Installed Power Generation Capacity in Bihar

6267. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the installed capacity of power generation in Bihar, the quantum of power being actually generated there and the power being supplied by government from other sources to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): The installed capacity in Bihar as on 31.3.90 was 1450 MW. The energy generation during 1989-90 was 3914 MU. In addition, about 1872 MU was supplied to Bihar in 1989-90 from the Central Generating Stations and adjoining systems.

Thermal Power Projects in Rajasthan

6268. SHRI GOPAL PACHERWAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether power projects in Rajasthan were