

Supply of Oil by U.S.S.R.

*36. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S.S.R. had agreed to fill the oil gap due to the recent war between Iraq and Iran; and

(b) whether Russian oil has already reached India, and what are the conditions laid down by the U.S.S.R.?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). In order to make up the shortfall caused in the supply of imported crude oil on account of Iran-Iraq war, we have approached a number of countries including USSR. It would not be in national interest to divulge further details.

Colour T.V.

*37. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the correct position with regard to colour T.V.; and

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to consider the adverse propaganda in the press in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). No decision has so far been taken by Government on the question of introduction of colour T.V. in the country. The entire matter is under consideration.

Varied reactions to the proposal for introduction of colour TV have appeared in the Press. Government will take into account all these views while taking a decision regarding introduction of colour television in the country.

Shortage of Power in Karnataka .

*38. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is facing inadequacy of generating capacity and shortage of power to meet the demands; and

(b) what steps are proposed by Central Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANJ KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b) At present there are no power cuts in Karnataka and requirements are being met fully. The present requirements of the State is about 25 million units per day which is being met fully with the generation of 22.5 million units per day from its own rotation with an assistance of about 2.5 million units from Kerala. However, during the period from December, 1980 to June, 1981, Karnataka may be having a deficit varying from 89 million units to 214 million units per month even after getting about 2 to 3 million units per day from Kerala. In order to meet the shortage, the State may have to introduce marginal power cuts on industries from December onwards. With a view to increase the power generating capacity of the State, a number of power stations with a total capacity of 1922 MW are presently under various stages of construction for commissioning during the period 1980—87 as under.