

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The Haldia Fertilizer project of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation was mechanically completed in November, 1979, but the plant could not start production because of the inability of the West Bengal State Electricity Board to supply the required quantum of power. Government have approved the installation of a 20 MW gas turbine for the project. After the installation of the turbine, it would be possible to commission and run the fertilizer plant.

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISHRA: In the reply, the hon. Minister has put all the blame on the West Bengal State Electricity Board. But I cannot understand why the problem of electricity was not taken into consideration earlier and why the installation of a gas turbine was not taken up earlier. I want to know from the hon. Minister what is the target date within which the gas turbine would be installed and when the Haldia unit of HFC would be commissioned.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): The negotiation with the West Bengal Government for the supply of power was started as early as 1976 and every time we were given the hope that we would get the power. But, unfortunately, they have not been able to give us power. The total power they are giving us now is in the vicinity of four megawatts. Recently, during my visit to Calcutta, I requested the Chief Minister to increase the quantum of power supplied, and he has agreed to give about eight to ten megawatts. Then, we have given the sanction for the gas turbine; it would take about seven months to come. By that time, our position would be happy and I think the West Bengal Government would also be in a position to give us the requisite power

supply which is now 39 megawatts only.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS

Proposal for Reversal of Crude Import Policy

*426. **SHRIMATI GURBRINDER KAUR BRAR:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether a proposal for reversal of crude import policy for 1981-82 is under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): No, Sir.

Improvement of Sick Drug Units in West Bengal

*429. **SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the need for effecting improvement of sick drug units run by State and Central Governments in West Bengal; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). Government are aware of the need for improvement of sick drug units in West Bengal managed either by Central or State Governments. There is improvement in production and sales due to financial support extended by the Government and Financial Institutions and the positioning of senior experienced personnel.

Use of Alcohol for Automobiles

*430. **SHRI CHATURBHUI:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a press report that Brazil has succeeded in substituting 20 per cent of petrol by Alcohol for use of