

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The overall availability of kerosene in the capital has been generally adequate but there was temporary disruption in the supply of cooking gas due to the industrial relations problems in the Shakurbasti bottling plant of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL), the availability from Koyali refinery as also due to the shut-down the Barauni refinery which affected the production of cooking gas.

(b) Additional allocations of kerosene have been given to Delhi, based on the requirements indicated by the Delhi Administration. With regard to cooking gas; the industrial relations problems in HPCL have since been resolved. The Barauni refinery has restarted production with effect from 28-1-81. The position of supply of cylinder refills in the Capital has improved considerably.

Shortage of power in Punjab

*19. **SHRI L. S. TUR:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of power in Punjab; and

(b) what steps are being taken to earmark special quota of power for agricultural purposes in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) Yes, there is shortage of power in Punjab. The deficit in power varies from month to month and ranges from 74 million units to 198 million units per month.

(b) The agricultural sector is given preference while working out power supply schedule for supply of power to the various categories of consumers. During the Kharif period, power supply to pumping sets for agriculture is ensured for 10 to 12 hours a day whereas during Rabi crop, power is ensured for 6 to

8 hours a day. Supply of power to the pumping sets for these periods is considered adequate by the Punjab authorities to meet the optimum requirements of the agricultural sector.

Supply of Petroleum Products by Oil Supply Countries

*20 **SHRI RAMJI BHAI MAVANI:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some oil supplying countries have made cuts in the supply of oils and petroleum products to India during March, 1980 to January 30, 1981;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of such countries and the quantity and amount of such supplies; and

(d) the efforts made or proposed to be made for the resumption of the previous supplies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a), (b) and (d). It is true that as a result of Iran-Iraq war there were some shortfalls in the supplies of crude oil and petroleum products. These short falls were however made good partly by imports from existing and new sources and partly by spot purchases.

(c) It would not be in the national interest to give details regarding the quantity and the names of countries which could not make full supplies of the contracted quantity.

Supply of Power by D.V.C. to CESC

1. **SHRI ANANDA PATHAK:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) number of times D. V. C. supplied the stipulated quota of 95 MW to Calcutta Electricity Supply Company during the last 13 months; and