

country will be fully met after the completion of the Sixth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production of fertilizers which was 21.64 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen and 8.41 lakh tonnes of P₂O₅ in 1980-81, the first year of the Sixth Five Year Plan, is expected to go up to about 32 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen and 9.25 lakh tonnes of P₂O₅ in 1981-82.

(c) No, Sir. The production of fertilizers is expected to fall short of the expected demand of fertilizers at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan. This position has been recognised in the Plan itself.

Failure of REC to achieve Targets in Karnataka

***449. SHRI K. B. CHOUDHARI:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rural Electrification Corporation has failed to reach its target of electrification in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) when the remaining villages would be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) and (b). There was only a marginal shortfall in the fulfilments of targets fixed for 1980-81. As against a target of 650 villages and 20,000 pumpsets, 527 villages and 18,411 pumpsets were energised.

(c) As on 31-8-1981, 16,940 villages in Karnataka had been electrified out of a total of 26,826 villages. Accord-

ing to the perspective presented by the State, the electrification of the remaining villages would be completed in the 7th and 8th Plan period.

Publishing of Figure and Number of Copies Printed by Newspapers

***450. SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to make rules, regulations and policy for all the newspapers requiring them to publish compulsorily the figures of number of copies of papers on front page below the name of the paper;

(b) whether the Minister had expressed this view very recently;

(c) if so, the details of the above scheme and policy in the light of the statement of the Minister;

(d) the reasons for making such policy and rules; and

(e) by when the same is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (e). On the suggestion of the Newsprint Advisory Committee as well as some organisations of Journalists, a proposal to make it obligatory on the part of the newspapers to publish the number of copies actually printed by them on the preceding day of publication is under consideration of the Government. The implementation of such a measure would be helpful in monitoring the consumption of newsprint which is imported at a considerable cost in foreign exchange. Besides, this would also help the readers and the advertisers to know immediately the circulation figures of the newspapers they read and use.