

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Petro-Chemical Complex in Bihar

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news item published in 'Indian Nation' of Patna on 31st March, 1981 captioned 'Assembly urge for Petro-chemical Complex in Bihar'; and

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

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

(b) Government of India have accepted the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee for setting up Aromatics Petrochemical Complexes that, in addition to these Aromatics Plants at Cochin (Kerala), Usar (Maharashtra) and Saleempur (U.P.), a large petrochemical project can be erected in Bihar.

Village Electrification Projects for Tribal areas in Bihar

*975. SHRI BAGUN SUMBRUI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number and details of village electrification projects for tribal areas in Bihar during the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the outlay proposed thereon; and

(c) by what time the entire tribal areas of Bihar would receive energy for domestic and industrial projects?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Rural electrification projects are formulated and also

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implemented by the Bihar State Electricity Board. Funds for the programme are made available partly through Rural Electrification Corporation and partly under the Normal Development programme of the State. The Planning Commission has fixed a tentative target of electrifying 15,895 villages and energising 2,03,550 agricultural pumpsets in Bihar during the Sixth Plan (1980-85) which includes areas inhabited by tribal population. The number and details of tribal projects which will be implemented in the State depend on the schemes formulated by the State Electricity Board from time to time. However, under the schemes so far sanctioned/to be sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation, it is expected that around 1,000 villages may get electrified in the tribal areas of the State during 1980-85.

(b) The Planning Commission has approved an allocation of Rs. 92.39 crores for rural electrification in Bihar during the Sixth Plan (1980-85). This amount includes both REC programmes and the Normal Development programme of the State. Rural Electrification Corporation expects to disburse an amount of approximately Rs. 11.60 crores during 1980-85 for tribal area schemes in Bihar.

(c) According to the perspective plan proposals received from the Bihar State Electricity Board, 100 per cent village electrification is likely to be achieved by 1994-95, subject to availability of the required resources. By that time the entire tribal areas of Bihar also are expected to get electrified.

राजस्थान में प्रेस सूचना केन्द्र

*978. श्री अशोक गहलोत : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे, कि :

(क) राजस्थान में इस समय कितने प्रेस सूचना केन्द्र कार्यरत है ;