

[English]

Ceiling on Retail Prices of Edible Oils

3631. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government propose to impose a ceiling on the retail prices of edible oils ; and

(b) if so, the names of the varieties of edible oils and the details of the prices so fixed ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) According to a voluntary price discipline being observed by industry the maximum price of vanaspati is 335/- per 5 kg tin. There is no proposal to impose ceiling on the retail prices of edible oils.

Diversio of Pipeline from Shahjahanpur

3632. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA . Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the gas pipeline to Shahjahanpur is being diverted to some other place for providing gas for power generation ; and

(b) if so, whether the consent of the Department of Fertilizers has been sought for such change of end-use of the gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Uniform Prices of Power of Centrally Owned Stations

3633. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision on the recommendation of

Rajadhyaksha Committee that power should be sold at uniform price throughout India to State Electricity Boards by pooling the costs of generation of all centrally owned stations ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, the reasons for the abnormal delay ; and

(d) the likely date by which a decision will be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A uniform electricity tariff for the country involves not only a pooling of the cost of generation of power from various sources but also the cost of its transmission over different systems. A Committee of Experts has been appointed to examine, in detail, the implications and practicability of evolving a uniform tariff for power supply from all Central Sector Power generating stations and the cost of its transmission over different systems. A decision in the matter could be taken only after the Committee's recommendations are available.

Setting up of Industries in Backward Areas

3634. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN :
SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many companies are still not attracted towards backward districts since many of the State Governments fail to provide necessary infrastructure support ; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Union Government in this regard ?