

Acquisition of 5 Squadrons of F. 5E Deep Strike Aircraft by Pak.

2075. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has got about five squadrons of F. 5E deep strike aircraft from the United States; and
- (b) whether these jets will bring within easy striking range?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and

- (b). There have been reports to suggest that some F. 5E aircrafts have been offered to Pakistan for supply by U.S.A. Government are aware of the capability of these aircrafts.

Power Shortage in States, particularly West Bengal, Bihar and Orissa

2076. SHRI DHIRENDRA NATH BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that most of the States, throughout the year are suffering from acute "Power Shortage" specially West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa etc. due to non-availability of equipment and recurring labour troubles;

- (b) what are the steps Government proposes to ensure the normal power supply in the current financial year; and

- (c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The power supply situation is generally satisfactory in the country. However, there are peaking shortages in Bihar and West Bengal. Orissa is surplus in power and rendering assistance to West Bengal and Bihar by supplying 100 MW of power. The availability of power in Bihar and West Bengal has not suffered due to non-availability of equipments.

However, it has been affected to some extent due to labour unrest.

(b) and (c). The performance of Patratu Power Station in Bihar has not been satisfactory and arrangements have been made with BHEL to undertake the capital maintenance of the generating units one by one at this power station. The BHEL has also been entrusted with the work of erection of the new generating units at Patratu and Barauni. After the repairs of the generating units at Patratu, the power generation in Bihar is likely to improve considerably in next three months time. One unit of 120 MW has been commissioned in West Bengal at Santhaldih Power Station and another unit of 120 MW will be commissioned in March 1979, at Chandrapura power station in DVC. This addition of installed capacity will mitigate to a great extent the peak shortages of power in this region.

Expenditure on International Film Festival

2077. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred on the International Film Festival held recently and how much thereof has been borne by the Central Government and other Government, Semi-Government and private Organisations indicating the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): The total expenditure on VII International Film Festival of India is to be met from the festival accounts of the Film Finance Corporation (a Government of India undertaking). In addition, some expenditure on the Market Section of the Festival will be met by the Indian Motion Picture Export Corporation Ltd. (another Government of India undertaking). The actual figures of expenditure will be known

after all the bills have been received and scrutinised. The expenditure incurred by Central Government is expected to be Rs. 23,000 only.

प्रशोधित तेल का आयात

2078. श्री गंगा नरत सिंह: क्या पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बनाने की रूपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1974-75 से 1977-78 तक की अवधि के दौरान ईरान से प्रतिवर्ष कितनी मात्रा में प्रशोधित तेल का आयात किया गया और उस पर कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च की गई ; और

(ख) विदेशों से कुल कितने प्रतिशत तेल का आयात किया गया और ईरान से कितने प्रतिशत प्रशोधित तेल का आयात किया गया ?

पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमचन्द्र मन्धन बहुगुणा) : (क) वर्ष 1974-75 से 1977-78 के दौरान ईरान से आयात किये गये प्रशोधित तेल की कुल मात्रा और इस पर खर्च की गई धनराशि इस प्रकार है :—

| वर्ष | मात्रा (मिलि० टन में) | मूल्य (रु० करोड़) |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1974-75 | 6.5 | 424.80 |
| 1975-76 | 5.9 | 441.43 |
| 1976-77 | 6.0 | 486.99 |
| 1977-78 | 6.1 | 522.09 |

(ख) प्रशोधित तेल की कुल आवश्यकता की तुलना में विदेशों से आयात किये गये तेल की कुल प्रतिशतता और ईरान से आयात किये गये प्रशोधित तेल की प्रतिशतता दोनों निम्नप्रकार रही है :—

| वर्ष | विदेशों से आयात किये गये तेल की प्रतिशतता | ईरान से आयात किये गये तेल की प्रतिशतता |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1974-75 | 64.5 | 30.0 |
| 1975-76 | 62.3 | 26.5 |
| 1976-77 | 61.3 | 26.1 |
| 1977-78 | 57.4 | 24.3 |

Nagarjuna Fertilizer Project

2079. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagarjuna Fertilizer Project is in jeopardy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether it is also a fact that multinational Shaw Wallace would not make further investment following Andhra Pradesh Government's refusal to give it complete control over the distribution ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) M/s. Nagarjuna Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd., a company promoted by Shaw Wallace were allowed in 1978 to take up the project for setting up a fertiliser plant at Kakinada, for implementation on the company confirming that the financing arrangements had been satisfactorily tied up and that the required promoters' contribution would be raised between Shaw Wallace, their associates and the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The company also confirmed that on the basis of the promoters' arrangements made, IDBI would provide the necessary financial assistance. It is now understood that the promoters' agreement between the State Government and Shaw Wallace has still not been finalised and the terms of the agreements are under discussion.

Expansion of Extrusion Plants Capacity by Indian Aluminium Company

2080. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have decided to permit Indian Aluminium Company to expand its extrusion plants capacity;