

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Since its commissioning the Barauni Fertilizer unit has been suffering production losses on account of power problems, equipment and design problems and, of late, non-availability of feedstock. The year-wise production loss is as follows:

Year	Production loss (tonnes of Urea)
1977-78.	2,48,000
1978-79.	2,14,000
1979-80.	2,38,000
1980-81.	2,00,000
(till January, 1981)	

The damage to sensitive and sophisticated equipment suffered on account of these problems cannot be quantified at this stage as such damage occurs over a period of time.

(c) After making a thorough investigation into the condition of the plant a number of steps have been taken to improve its performance. Among these are modification of carbamate pumps of the urea plant, increasing the capacity of demineralized water plant, replacement of boiler circulating pump and modification of Carbon Dioxide compressor and its assemblies. Supplies of feedstock have been augmented and work on the installation of a 2.5 MW Captive power plant to product the front end of the plant is in progress.

Autonomy for A.I.R. and Doordarshan

115. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:
SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finally decided not to give autonomy to AIR and Doordarshan despite the recommendations made by various Committees in this regard; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b). The question does not arise as Government policy is to give these Media as much as functional|professional| and financial autonomy as is necessary for their effective and efficient functioning and so Government appointed Parthasarthi Committee to advise the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Requirements of oil and petroleum Products

116. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:
SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA:

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

(a) the estimated requirements of oil and petroleum products during 1981-82;

(b) the extent to which the requirement is likely to be met by indigenous production during 1981-82;

(c) the extent to which the country is likely to resort to imports to meet the demand in terms of quantity and value in foreign exchange;

(d) likely impact of imports on the prices of oil and petroleum products; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to reduce dependency on imports?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Our total requirements of crude oil and petroleum products during 1981-82 are estimated as under:—

Crude oil .. 32.0 million tonnes

Petroleum .. 35.0 million tonnes
Products

(b) Indigenous availability of crude oil and petroleum products is estimated to be as under:—

Crude Oil .. 17.0 million tonnes

Petroleum .. 30.0 million tonnes
Products

(c) Our imports during the year are likely to be of the following order:—

Crude Oil .. 15.0 million tonnes

Petroleum .. 5.0 million tonnes
Products

(d) It is a fact that Oil Producing and Exporting Countries after the Bali Conference have increased the prices of crude oil as a result of which our import bill is likely to go up further.

(e) The following are some of the steps taken to reduce the consumption of petroleum products and also the dependence on imports:—

(i) Introduction of an improved version of Kerosene wick stove possessing a thermal efficiency of 60 per cent as compared to the 45 per cent efficiency of other kerosene wick stoves usually sold in the market;

(ii) Advising Central Government Ministries/Departments, State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings to effect savings in the consumption of motor spirit (petrol) in their staff cars;

(iii) Assessing the feasibility of using a mixture of petrol and alcohol as fuel for motor vehicles;

(iv) Giving advice to State Governments to statutorily impose speed limits for passenger transport vehicles within cities and towns, and on local transport vehicles as well as to control goods and passenger vehicles with high smoke exhausts in order to achieve efficiency in diesel consumption;

(v) Initiating studies in the State Road Transport Undertakings, having a large fleet of vehicles, for greater efficiency in the utilisation of high speed diesel oil in the transport sector;

(vi) Substitution of Furnace Oil by coal, wherever it is technologically feasible;

(vii) Providing advisory service to the industries for the adoption of measures aimed at improvement of efficiency in the use of Furnace Oil.

(viii) The Petroleum Conservation and Research Association has been asked to intensify its activities and publicity for conservation measures.

(ix) Various measures are being adopted to speed up the oil production in the country. It is expected that the indigenous production may go up from the estimated level of 14 million tonnes in 1980-81 to 21.3 million tonnes in 1984-85.

Recommendations of Working Group on National Film Policy

117. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the decisions, if any taken by Government on the Report of the Working Group on National Film Policy; and

(b) reaction of the film industry with regard thereto?