

A- Projects Scheduled to Yield Benefits in Sixth Five Year Plan

B-On-Going Projects for Benefits Beyond Sixth Five Year Plan

Supply of Petroleum Products to Karnataka

2557. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of Petroleum products including diesel, petrol Kerosene supplied to the State of Karnataka during January 1980 to October 1981 as against the requirement indicated by the State Government;

(b) whether Government are aware of the large-scale dislocation of the transport system and sufferings by rural people due to non-availability and exorbitant prices of these products; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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

(a) The Govt. of Karnataka had recently indicated their requirements of High Speed Diesel (HSD) and Kerosene as under:

HSD	47,000 tonnes
Kerosene	22,000 tonnes

No specific requirement of petrol had been indicated by them.

The total supplies of petrol, HSD and Kerosene made to the State of Karnataka during Jan.'80 to October '81 were as under :—

(Figures in tonnes)

PETROL	HSD	KEROSENE
Jan'80 to Oct'81		
188295	896797	421665

(b) and (c) No such report has been received. There has been considerable improvement in the transport capability during 1981-82 as a result of better performance by the Railway and no difficulty is visualised in meeting the demand of HSD and petrol and transportation of allocated quantities of SKO to the State.

Delay in N. P. K. Plant at Durgapur

2558. SHRI AJIT BAG: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that non-availability of Triple Super Phosphate, which is to come from the Sindri Plant, is one of the reasons for delay of the Nitrogen Phosphate and Potassium Plant at Durgapur;

(b) if so, how long will it take; and

(c) when the NPK Plant will start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) to (c): Non-availability of Triple Super Phosphate was initially one of the reasons for the delay in the start up of the Nitrogen Phosphate and Potassium plant at Durgapur. However, you powdered Triple Super Phosphate is available. The Company are examining the economic viability of producing granulated Nitrogen Phosphate and Potassium products. As soon as the technoeconomic viability is established the plant could be started.

Telephone Connections to SC & ST Applicants on Priority Basis

2559. SHRI A. C. DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a Proposal to give certain concessions to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe applicants who have ap-