

(d) the total loss suffered due to their closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rajasthan Atomic Power Station-I (RAPS-I) is shutdown due to a minor but difficult heavy water leak from the Over Pressure Relief Device (OPRD) located in an inaccessible area. Rajasthan Atomic Power Station-II (RAPS-II) has been shutdown for inservice inspection and en-masse replacement of coolant channels and for upgradation of systems.

(c) Scheme for fixing the leak in RAPS-I is being worked out. Integrity of the coolant channels of the reactors is also under assessment. Techno economic assessment of the feasibility of renewed operation of RAPS-I is in progress. Work on replacement of coolant channels and upgradation of systems at RAPS-II is in progress. This unit is expected to be recommissioned in 1998 with a generation capacity of 200 MWe.

(d) The electrical energy that would have been generated by RAPS-I and RAPS-II if these units had operated at the normative capacity factor of 62.8% from their shutdown for capital maintenance from 12.2.1994 and 1.8.1994 respectively upto 30.6.1996 is as follows:

RAPS-I	1310 MUs
RAPS-II	2110 MUs

The expenditure on maintenance of RAPS-I from February 1994 to March 1996 amounts to about Rs. 32 crores.

Coverage of More Blocks in Karnataka under EAS

3796. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 133 but of 175 blocks in Karnataka have been covered under the Employment Assurance Scheme; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when the remaining blocks, where agricultural labourers do not have any dependable source of irrigation, are likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. At present Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is being implemented in Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Modified Area Development Approach (MADA), Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP) blocks and Flood Prone blocks in Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is likely to be extended to all the remaining blocks of the country in phases over the next two years.

Surplus of Naphtha

3797. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had indicated that there would be a surplus of 2.7 million tonnes to 5.4 million tonnes of naphtha by the year 2001-02;