

**Power shortage in Karnataka**

682. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the power position in Karnataka which is facing acute power shortage; and

(b) how many proposals for power generation, particularly, with N.R.I. participation have been received from Karnataka Government for clearance and what are the reasons for the delay, if any, in clearing those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The measures which are being taken to increase the availability of power in Karnataka include expediting commissioning of new capacity, maximising generation from the existing capacity, reduction of transmission and distribution losses and implementation of energy conservation and demand management measures. In addition, during 1987-88, the State was supplied over 1424 million units from Central power stations, as compared with its share of 1316 million units. During the period from April to June, 1988 also, the State was supplied power from the Central stations in excess of its share by about 1.5 million units. Further, assistance from neighbouring systems totalling 1804 million units was made available to Karnataka during 1987-88 and about 328 million units during April to June, 1988.

(b) The proposal of the Karnataka Government to set up a 2x210 MW thermal power station in the State sector at Nandikur was techno-economically appraised in the Central Electricity Authority. The State Government has recently proposed to implement this project in the Joint Sector with N.R.I. participation in the equity capital along with the State Government. The proposal could be considered for clearance after all necessary inputs have been tied up.

The proposal in regard to the installation of the Sivasamudram Seasonal Power

House in Karnataka is under techno-economic appraisal in the Central Electricity Authority.

**LPG facilities in West Bengal**

683. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the towns/cities of West Bengal where L.P.G. facility has been provided till date; and

(b) what is the number of towns where such facility is likely to be provided during the remaining period of the seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The required information is given in the enclosed statement (See below).

(b) In addition to the above, 21 towns/cities in West Bengal have been proposed for setting up of LPG distributorships under the oil industry's Annual Marketing Plans upto 1987-88. The selection of distributors for these locations is at various stages of finalisation. Since various steps precede the actual commissioning of a distributorship it is not feasible to indicate the exact time by which these distributorships will be commissioned.

**Statement**

*Names of towns/cities in West Bengal having LPG facility as on 1-7-1988*

S. No. Name of the town/city

1. Asansol
2. Alipurdwar
3. Adra
4. Arambagh
5. Burdwan
6. Balurghat
7. Bankura

S.No. Name of the town/city

8. Berhampur
9. Bagdogra
10. Bongaon
11. Binaguri
12. Calcutta\*(U.A.)
13. Cooch-Bihar
14. Chittaranjan
15. Canning
16. Durgapur
17. Darjeeling
18. Ferakka (R)
19. Ghatal
20. Haldia (R)
21. Hasimara
22. Jalpaiguri
23. Jhargram
24. Jangipur
25. Kharagpur
26. Krishna Nagar
27. Kolaghat (R)
28. Kalimpong
29. Kandi
30. Katwa
31. Kurseong
32. Kulti-Barakar
33. Kalna
34. Kalaikunda (R)
35. Malda (English Bazar)
36. Midnapur
37. Mal
38. Nabadwip
39. Niyamatpur
40. Purulia
41. Raiganj

S.No. Name of the town/city

42. Raniganj
43. Ranaghat
44. Rampurhat
45. Siliguri
46. Santaldih (R)
47. Suri
48. Calcutta
49. Panagarh
50. Shantipur
51. Contai
52. Birnagar
53. Bolpur
54. Bishnupur
55. Tamluk
56. Howrah
57. Chandennagar
58. Chakdah
59. Andal

\* includes Howrah, Budge-Budge, Barrackpur, Kalyani, Basirhat, Baishna, Baghatta, Rishra, Rajarhat, Tribeni, Diamond Harbour.

R.—Restricted supplies

#### Transportation of surplus gas from Assam and Tripura

684. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to transport surplus gas from the Assam oil and gas fields and Tripura gas grid to West Bengal through a pipeline;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?