

(b) whether the investigation has been completed;

(c) if so, what amount has been spent on this investigation;

(d) whether construction work on the project has been started; and

(e) if so, what is the progress; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIVSHANKAR): (a) to (e) The Central Water Commission has investigated the Kameng Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh and prepared the Project report which is under examination in the Central Electricity Authority. The scheme would be considered for execution after its techno-economic feasibility is established and agency for implementation is decided.

Expenditure incurred on the investigation of Kameng Project is Rs. 1.3 crores

Zonal Recruitment Board of ONGC

2766. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints that in the matter of recruitment ONGC, OIL, AOC and Coal India have adopted a discriminatory policy against the local qualified geologists of Assam and the North East Region;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor: and

(c) whether the Zonal Recruitment Board and of the ONGC has been established if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI 3ARGr SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and

(b) Memoranda have been received by the Minister of Energy from All Assam "Jeological Forum and Post Graduate Students' Union of Gauhati University. Basically, these memoranda seek improvement in geological education in Assam, radical training of graduate geologists from Assamese universities and suitable employment opportunities for these geologists.

These memoranda have sought opportunities in employment of locally qualified geologists in ONGC, OIL and AOC, the representation of the All Assam Geological Forum also demands recruitment of local hands in the geological discipline for the mines in the Makun Coal Belt. But the recruitment in the geological discipline in the Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. (a subsidiary of Coal India Ltd.) being at the executive level, the recruitment is by open direct recruitment; hence no discrimination is involved.

(c) Recruitment of Class III and IV is decentralised regionwise and the heads of the regions are empowered to recruit employees in Class III and IV cadres except in, the highest scale of Class III viz. Rs. 595—1140 for which recruitment is centralised at headquarters. In certain cases, Regional heads are also authorised as a special case to make recruitment in the scale of Rs. 595—1140.

Effect of short supply of coal on indt in eastern region

2)767. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

to what extent the reduced production of coal during April-June, 1983 has adversely affected the supply to industries in the eastern region; and

(b) what step.* Government have taken to augment coal output to avert a crisis in the production of vital industries in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DAL-BIR SINGH): (a) and (b) As a result of concerted efforts to increase coal despatches, despite a slight fall in production, the demand of the consuming sectors has been largely met. However, there has been some difficulty in meeting the demand of industrial users for superior grades steam coal during the first half of 1983-84 as production of such coal was affected inter-alia on account of shortage of power and law and order problems in the Eastern Region. Necessary steps have been taken to bring about

improvement in power supply from DVC and in the law and order situation with the assistance of the State Governments concerned.

Drilling of wells by ONGC

2768. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has recently submitted a proposal to Government for drilling 140 more wells in Kalol field;

(b) if so, what is the cost involved in this regard; and

(c) by when necessary drilling operation is expected to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The total cost involved is approximately Rs. 139 crores.

(c) The operations in Kalol Field are expected to be started in 1984-85.

Uniform power rates in the country

2769. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to fix uniform rates for nuclear, thermal and hydel power all over the country is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, by when such a proposal is expected to be implemented; and

(c) what steps have been taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIVSHANKAR): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer at (a) above.

LPG Distributors in Trans-Yamuna areas

2770. SHRI LAKHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the name!; of the distributors of L.P.G. in the Trans-Yamuna areas in Delhi:

(b) the number of consumers served by these agencies, agency-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware of Lite difficulties faced by consumers in getting their refills particularly registered with Mjs. Ainar Gas Agencies and B. N. Gupta & Co.; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) The names of the distributors of L.P.G. in the Trans-Yamuna areas in Delhi alongwith the consumers served by them is given below:—

Name of distributors	No. of consumers
Shaheed Subhash Gas Service .	6623
Amar Gas Service . . .	6376
B.N. Gupta & Company . .	7886
Vishal Gas Service . . .	4299
Supreme Enterprises . . .	1267
Sivanika Enterprises . . .	1519
Vijay Rattan Enterprises . .	6887
Delhi Gas Co. Ex Workers Society	1500
M/s. Sawhney Gas Agency . .	300
M/s. United Agencies . . .	3400

(c) It is a fact that customers attached with Amar Gas Service and B. N. Gupta & Co. are getting delayed refill supplies due to operational bottlenecks and labour absenteeism with the distributors.