

(b) After the allotment of distributorships by the oil company, the delay in actual commissioning occurs on account of non-availability of suitable land, difficulty in obtaining godown sites etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Ceilings on the existing LPG distributorships were imposed with a view to ensure that cooking gas distributorships of different oil companies maintain a size conducive to economic and efficient functioning of such distributorships and, at the same time, do not deprive others of the opportunity of running such distributorships.

Late delivery of dak in village Babojar in Orissa

1376. SHRI DHANESHWAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the late delivery of dak to the residents of Village Babojar P.O Tundla, District Kalahandi (Orissa);

(b) whether it is a fact that even the Members of Parliament in the area are getting their dak very late; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what action Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no complaint.

(c) Does not arise.

Failure of Fertilizer units due to power crisis

1377. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the name and the number of fertilizer units in the country which have been adversely affected due to

power cuts imposed on them by the concerned State Governments; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure that those fertilizer units do not suffer due to paucity of power?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The following ten plants have been adversely affected due to power cuts imposed on them by the concerned State Governments:—

1. Talcher
2. Namrup
3. Rourkela
4. Bhatinda
5. Udyogamandal
6. Cochin
7. Madras
8. Baroda
9. Mangalore
10. Tuticorin.

(b) The question of supply of power is being taken up regularly with the concerned State Governments. In addition, captive power plants are being planned for some of these units. Gas turbines have been/are being sanctioned for some of these plants on an immediate basis.

Profits earned and losses suffered by Fertilizer Corporation of India

1378. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many units of Fertilizer Corporation of India have been earning profit for the last three years;

(b) what are the names of the units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India which have incurred losses during the same period; and

(c) the details of the losses suffered and profits made by each unit during the same period?