

tured by the Public Sector Undertakings and Private Companies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): The Manufacturers supplying plant and equipment for power generation have quality control programmes and have been urged to improve their quality assurances. In addition the project authorities are expected to have an effective quality audit programme of their own encompassing the manufacture, erection and commissioning of the plant and equipment being supplied to them. Proper contracts between buyers and sellers specifying the quality assurance programme and performance tests at specified times is expected to ensure quality control on power generation equipment.

Coal supply for new power generation programme

815. SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that coal supplies for the new power generation programmes are adequate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): The demand of coal for power stations including new thermal stations is reviewed together with the coal production programme at regular intervals by the Standing Linkage Committee which contains representatives of the Department of Coal, Department of Power, Planning Commission, Railways and other concerned Departments. New mines are being opened and existing mines reorganised to step up production to meet the demand of the lower sector including new power stations

Waiting list for gas connection with Khera Gas Service, Delhi

816. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons who have registered their names with M/s. Khera Gas Service, Roshanara Road, Subzi Mandi, Delhi so far, for the supply of cooking gas since 1975;

(b) how many out of them have so far been supplied gas connections;

(c) how many are still on the waiting list; and

(d) by when these persons are likely to get the gas connections?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) Registration with M/s. Khera Gas Service, Roshanara Road, Sabzi Mandi, Delhi, started only from 1-1-1977. The number of persons registered and wait-listed as on 31-3-80 with the agency are 9029. No gas connections have been released by the agency to these wait-listed persons.

(d) In view of the limited availability of Liquefied Petroleum Gas, it may not be possible to provide new connections in any significant scale in the current year. New connections are expected to be provided from the beginning of 1981 with the commissioning of facilities for extraction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas from Bombay High Associated Gas.

Rehabilitation of refugees from erstwhile East Pakistan

817. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:
SHRIMATI PRATIMA
BOSE:

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 361