

statement showing the capacity utilisation of fertilizer plants is laid on the Table of the House. (See below).

(b) The production performance of the units is being monitored by the Government on a continuous basis and various measures such as renovation, debottlenecking, replacements and renewals, installation of captive power generation facilities and changeover in feedstock, etc. have been taken up for implementation in a number of plants with a view to improving their operational efficiency.

Statement

Capacity Utilisation of Nitrogen and Phosphate Plants during the period April, 1978—January, 1979.

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Name of the Unit	Pro-rata % capacity Utilisation during April, 1978—January, 1979
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A. PUBLIC SECTOR

Sindri*	Not in production*
Gorakhpur	65.4
Namrup	93.3
Namrup Expansion	46.4
Durgapur	21.5
Barauni	38.9
Trombay	103.7
Trombay IV	51.1
Nangal	86.8
Nangal Expansion	32.4
Udyogamandal	62.5
Cochin I	47.1
Cochin II	66.7
Rourkela	58.5
Neyveli	62.6
Madras	91.1
By-products	90.5
Total (A)	61.4

B. PRIVATE SECTOR

Varanasi	48.2
Ennore	49.6
Baroda	73.1
Vizag	78.9
Kota	75.2
Kanpur	90.0
Goa	83.9
Tuticorin	66.7

*Fertilizer plant is closed down for safety reasons till Modernisation Scheme becomes operative.

Mangalore	73.3
By-products	81.0
Total (B)	76.2

C. COOPERATIVE SECTOR

Kandla/Kalol	110.9
Grand Total (A+B+C)	71.1

PHOSPHATE (P₂O₅)

A. PUBLIC SECTOR

Trombay	106.0
Trombay	47.5
Udyogamandal	60.9
Cochin II	37.7
Madras	80.8
Khetri	13.1
SSP Units	64.4
Tot I (A)	68.0

B. PRIVATE SECTOR

Ennore	104.8
Baroda	67.5
Vizag	64.6
Goa	72.6
Tuticorin	72.2
TSP/SSP	86.7
Total (B)	76.2

C. COOPERATIVE SECTOR

Kandla/Kalol	139.5
Grand Total (A+B+C)	81.0

Stepping up the production of cooking gas in the country

415. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to step up the production of cooking gas in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Availability of LPG (cooking gas) is expected to improve by 1980-81 with commissioning of:—

(i) Facilities for separation of LPG from Bombay High Associated Gas;

(ii) Mathura Refinery;

(iii) Secondary Processing Facilities at Koyali Refinery; and

(iv) Coker Unit of Bongaigaon Refinery.

It is expected that by 1982-83 the existing estimated demand potential would be fully met by the above availability.

Coverage of cricket test matches

416. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what steps Government are contemplating to improve the T.V. and Radio coverage of test matches?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): In order to improve the quality of the sports commentaries, both Doordarshan and All India Radio have taken a number of steps to streamline the procedure for the selection of commentators for improving the telecast of the test matches. Plans to obtain permanent fixed positions for our cameras and commentators are being worked out; special equipments for 'Slow Motion Display' etc. have also been ordered to enhance the quality of the coverage. Intensive training course for the producers, commentators and cameramen are being organised.

Ad-hoc increase in the royalty of crude oil produced in Assam

417. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have approached the Central Government for an ad-hoc increase in the royalty of crude oil produce in that State to enable them to fill the revenue gap; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The Government of Assam had requested for a higher royalty based on full posted price of equivalent Middle Eastern crude and need for additional resources for development plans of the State.

(b) It has been decided that the existing rate of Royalty on crude oil and casing head condensate would continue till it is reviewed in 1980.

रेडियो लाइसेंस शुल्क का समाप्त किया जाना

418. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भण्डारी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1977-78 के वर्ष के दौरान रेडियो लाइसेंस शुल्क से कुल कितने राजस्व की प्राप्ति हुई ;

(ख) उक्त शुल्क को वसूल करने के लिए कुल कितनी राशि खर्च की गई ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में लाइसेंस शुल्क को जमा करने में पेश आने वाली कठिनाइयों के कारण उन क्षेत्रों में रेडियो सैटों की संख्या में पर्याप्त वृद्धि नहीं हुई ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस शुल्क को समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है ?

†[Scrapping of radio licence fee

418. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total revenue received from radio licence fees during the year 1977-78;

† [] English translation.