

Southern Region and Maharashtra in the Western Regional are inter-connected by a 220 KV line from Belgaum to Kolhapur. Goa in the Western Region is inter-connected with Mysore in the Southern Region by a 110 KV double circuit line between Ponda and Dandeli over which Goa is drawing about 20 MW from Mysore. Uttar Pradesh in the Northern Region is receiving power from Madhya Pradesh in the Western Region over a 132 KV line from Morwa (Madhya Pradesh) to Rihand (Uttar Pradesh). The Northern Region is interconnected with the Western Region by a 132 KV line from Neemuch to Udaipur. The Rajasthan system draws about 25 MW from Madhya Pradesh system over this link.

It may be mentioned that during the recent power crisis in Maharashtra and Gujarat grids consequent on the shut down of Tarapur and Nasik Power Stations, the Belgaum- Kolhapur 220 KV line and Chandi-Bhusawal 132 KV line played a very useful role in meeting the power requirements of Maharashtra to a certain extent by importing power from Mysore and Madhya Pradesh respectively. A portion of the power and energy thus received was transmitted to Gujarat grid from Maharashtra by means of the Kalwa-Tarapur Navasari 220 KV link.

In order to assist in the construction more inter-State lines of larger capacity the Centre is providing loan assistance to the States for construction of the inter-State/inter-Regional transmission lines during the Fourth Plan outside the States Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. For enabling intergrated operation of the power systems in each region, Regional Load Despatching Stations are also being established.

**DEMAND FOR INCREASE IN
PRICE OF CRUDE OIL**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that ESSO, CALTEX and BURMAH SHELL have again sought increase in price of crude oil imported by these companies;

(b) if so, the reasons advanced by these companies for such an increase; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These companies have not given specific reasons for the increases claimed by them but have referred to the hardening world market conditions.

(c) The matter is under examination.

**PROGRAMME FOR INCREASE IN POWER
GENERATION CAPACITY IN THE COUNTRY**

*136. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up any crash programme for immediate increase in the power generation capacity in the country; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?