

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) to (d) : The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

THERMAL PLANTS IN GUJARAT

358. SHRI I. K. KALANIA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Thermal Plants in Gujarat and the quantity of coal supplied to them during the years 1970-71; 1971-72 and 1972-73, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain plants remained closed for non-availability of coal;

(c) if so, the details of such closures;

(d) whether in view of the coal shortage Government propose to use R.F.O. and natural gas fuel as is being done in Dhuvaran, Iftarn and Ahmedabad Electricity Co. ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) The names of Thermal Power Stations in Gujarat and the quantity of Coal supplied to them during the years 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73 yearwise are as under :

Name of Power Station	Coal supplied during		
	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73*
(in tonnes)			
1. Ahmedabad (Sabarmati)	175713	274033	420198
2. Dhuvaran	Nil	Nil	Nil (oil burning)
3. Shahpur	43218	55387	44322
4. Sikka	25433	31427	26248
5. Porbandar	120836	184374	103736
6. Utran	Nil	4034	11226
7. Bhavnagar	45448	61994	50186
8. Kandla	16268	14754	18020

*Figures up to December, 1972 only

(b) No closure of any of the above stations due to want of Coal has been reported.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no shortage of coal. Moreover, in view of acute shortage of fuel oil, the thermal power stations have been advised to convert their boilers from oil firing to coal firing whenever possible.

ACREAGE UNDER MAJOR AND MINOR IRRIGATION

359. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH:

**SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH
MUSAFIR:**

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: