

POWER SHORTAGE BY THE END OF THE THIRD PLAN PERIOD

322. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even at the end of the Third Five Year Plan several States will be facing power shortage;

(b) if so, the names of those States;

(c) the reasons for this shortage; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in the matter to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b) Except for a few States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, the power supply position in the rest of the country is expected to be satisfactory at the end of the Third Plan.

(c) Delay in the completion of formalities as laid down by Foreign Aid giving agencies and certain delay in execution of works.

(d) Import of power from the neighbouring States to the extent possible. Efforts are also being made to advance the commissioning of some projects so that benefits therefrom would be available before the end of Third Plan.

CIGARETTE SMOKING AMONG THE YOUTH AND ITS EVIL EFFECTS

323. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to publicise the growing menace of Cigarette smoking among the youth and its link with the enormous increase in heart diseases and cancer; and

(b) whether the Central Council of Health has recommended banning

of Cigarette advertisements in newspapers and popular journals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) Necessary publicity regarding the harmful effects of smoking is being carried out by Government as part of the general health education activity of the Central Health Education Bureau.

(b) No.

EXPORT OF MINERALS AND IRON ORE

324. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of INTERNATIONAL TRADE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 34 in the Rajya Sabha on 14th August, 1963 and state:

(a) what effect the shortfall in the matter of Port facilities has in the export of minerals and iron ore from this country;

(b) whether India is carrying on to schedule the export of the contracted amount of 4 million tons of iron ore to Japan; and

(c) whether there has been any pressure to reduce further the price of the ore on account of irregular deliveries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Improvement of port facilities will help increase in exports of mineral and iron ore. Port facilities are being developed under a phased programme.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

COMMITTEE SET UP ON THE USE OF WATERS OF CAUVERY BASIN AND OTHER RIVERS

325. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 246 in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th August, 1963 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken on the setting up of a Committee on the use of waters of the

Cauvery basin and other inter-State rivers flowing through Madras, Mysore and Kerala; and

(b) if so, who are the members of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b) The matter is still under consideration.

INDO-PAKISTAN DISPUTE REGARDING THE KARNAFULI DAM IN EAST PAKISTAN

326. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the latest position regarding the dispute between India and Pakistan concerning the Karnafuli Dam Project in East Pakistan in respect of the compensation to be paid and the quantum of power supply to be made available to India?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): The position remains the same as indicated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 63 on the 6th August, 1962.

अफीम का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये कृषकों को सहायता

३२७. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या वि० मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि अफीम का उत्पादन बढ़ाने तथा उसके उत्पादन में आने वाली कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिये कृषकों को सहायता देने तथा उनका मार्ग दर्शन करने के लिये उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा बनाई गई योजनाओं का न्यौरा क्या है ?

†[ASSISTANCE TO CULTIVATORS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION OF OPIUM]

327. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the schemes formulated by his Ministry with a view to assist and guide the cultivators for increasing the production of opium and to remove the difficulties experienced in its production?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री टी० टी० कृष्णमाचारी):

अफीम का उत्पादन बढ़ाने में किसानों की सहायता करने के उद्देश्य से, अफीम का उत्पादन करने वाले किसानों को अफीम की कीमत उनके द्वारा दिये गये औसत उत्पादन के अनुसार घटती-बढ़ती दरों (स्लाइडिंग स्केल) के मुताबिक दी जाती है। इसके अलावा, खास तौर से अधिक उत्पादन देने पर उन्हें नकद इनाम दिये जाते हैं। प्रत्येक उत्पादन को अधिक से अधिक बढ़ाने के लिए अफीम और गन्ने की खेती इकट्ठी करने की पद्धति को भी बढ़ावा दिया गया है। साथ ही एक योजना पर विचार किया जा रहा है जिसके अनुसार भारतीय कृषि अनुसन्धान परिषद (इंडियन कौंसिल आफ एग्रीकल्चरल रिसर्च) के सहयोग से उन क्षेत्रों में, जहाँ अफीम का उत्पादन होता है कुछ फार्म खोल कर अनुसन्धान कार्यक्रम शुरू किया जायगा। उन फार्मों से निदर्शन फार्मों (डिमान्स्ट्रेशन फार्म) का काम भी लिया जायगा।

†[THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): With a view to assisting the cultivators in increasing the production of opium, there is a system of payment of price to opium cultivators on a sliding scale depending on the average yield tendered by them. Apart from this, cash prices are being given to them for tendering specially high yields. A system of mixed cultivation of opium and sugarcane has also been encouraged in order to maximise yield. Further, a scheme is being considered under which a research programme would be undertaken by setting up a few farms in the opium producing areas in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. These can then serve also as a demonstration farm.]

INDUSTRIAL LICENSING

328. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether any suggestions have been made to Government