

POWER SHORTAGE BY THE END OF THE THIRD PLAN PERIOD

322. SHRI BHUFESH 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 JALPURIYA: 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