

- (a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is the largest State of the country geographically;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the allotment of kerosene from 42636 KL to 71600 KL per month, keeping in view the geography and population of the State; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir, Rajasthan is geographically the largest State of the country.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry for increasing the allocation of PDS Kerosene to the State of Rajasthan. At present, the PDS Kerosene quota for the State of Rajasthan has been fixed at 5,11,404 KL for the year 2011-12, after effecting a reduction of 240 KL, as this quantity remained unlifted by the State Government during 2010-11, without any extension of time sought for lifting. On the same grounds, reductions have been made in respect of other States as well.

**Augmentation of staff- strength, in the officer of
Accountant - General, Kerala**

*300.DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) and the Central Government have received any request from the employees' organizations for increase in staff strength in the offices of the Accountant-General, Kerala (Audit), in view of the increased work load in these offices; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will consider the request favourably?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by the C&AG Office, no request from the employees' organizations for increase in staff strength in the offices of the Accountant General, Kerala (Audit), has been received by the C&AG Office. The Central Government has also not received any such request in this regard so far.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Exodus from villages due to water scarcity

2171. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state: