

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of Motor Truck Tyres are much higher than as determined by the Bureau of Industrial Cost and Prices;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to bring down the prices of motor truck Tyres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). The Government is yet to finalise its views on the BICP Report on the Costs and Prices of Automotive Tyres.

**Distribution of Surplus Land to Landless Farmers**

5177. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

SHRI BHOGEN DRA JHA:

DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of land distributed to the landless farmers in each State and the number of farmers benefited during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is not much progress in the distribution of surplus land to the landless farmers during the above period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to acquire surplus land for distribution to the landless farmers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The figures as reported by the States have been given in Statement I.

(b) and (c). Land being a State subject, the distribution of ceiling land is done by the State Government. The progress in distribution varies from State to State.

(d) The Government of India have from time to time held Conferences at the official level, Revenue Minister's level and Chief Ministers' level in order to expedite the distribution of ceiling land. The conference of Revenue Ministers of States held at New Delhi on 14th march, 1992 made recommendations to expedite the distribution of ceiling surplus land to the landless poor. These recommendations have been forwarded to the State Governments for implementation. A gist of the recommendations has been given in given Statement II.

## STATEMENT

S.No	State/Ut	Area distributed (cumulative)				Number of beneficiaries (cumulative)			
		1989-90	199-91	1991-92	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1991-92	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	412768	418952	504143	352278	358619	418610		
2.	Assam	400256	428228	456552	370014	375280	397916		
3.	Bihar	253636	266736	274322	293470	307545	319109		
4.	Gujarat	107925	125463	132358	24536	27998	28917		
5.	Haryana	112884	113047	113124	37925	37984	38018		
6.	Himachal Pradesh	3340	3340	3340	4400	4400	4400		
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	450000	450000	450000	450000	450000	450000		
8.	Karnataka	114177	114277	114657	28798	29189	29950		
9.	Kerala	62207	62601	63509	131790	133899	139618		

**Iron and Steel Plants in Bihar**

5268. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Iron and Steel plants in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details alongwith locations thereof; and

(c) the time by which these plants are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). Government do not propose to set up new iron and steel plants in Bihar during the 8th Five Year Plan. The new industrial policy announced in July, 1991, has removed 'Iron and Steel' from the list of industries reserved for the public sector and also exempted it from the requirements of compulsory licensing. No approval of Government is, therefore, required for establishment of iron and steel plants in the private sector except for locations within 25 Kms. of city with a population in excess of 10 lakhs as per the 1991 census.

[*English*]

**Price of Crude oil in World Market**

5269. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of crude oil has

come down in the world market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent It will be advantageous to our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (c). The price of crude in the international market from October, 1991- February, 1993 has been showing a downward trend. Any fall in the price is beneficial to the country as it would save the outgo of foreign exchange.

[*Translation*]

**Ban on Mining Activities in Bihar**

5270. SHRICHINMAYANANDSWAMI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining activities have been banned in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the mining companies prohibited from carrying out the mining work in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There is no general ban on mining activities in Bihar.

(b) does not arise.

(c) Indian Bureau of Mines has reported that following two mines were prohibited from carrying out the mining work by the Forest Department of Bihar in the area following under Forest:-

[English]

**AIDS Awareness Campaign**

5410. SHRI PARASRAMBHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have involved eminent personalities in AIDS awareness campaign during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the impact of awareness campaign; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). A National Aids Committee comprising of members of Parliament, eminent personalities from media, films, medical profession and social organisations has been instituted which is assisting in creating awareness and developing a multi-sectoral programme. It is too early to assess the impact of these efforts.

**Consumption of High Speed Diesel Oil**

5411. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumption of High Speed Diesel Oil is exceeding the originally estimated limits; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to reduce the consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) As per the latest estimate, the excess in the consumption of HSD during 1992-93 over the original estimate is only marginal.

(b) The following important measures are taken to conserve the use of HSD.

- i) development and promotion of use of fuel-efficient engines, vehicles and components.
- ii) improvement in the fuel-efficiency of the existing engines and vehicles through better operational and maintenance practices, improved house keeping, retrofitting of turbochargers and add-on devices as well as other types of improvisation.
- iii) setting up of standards/norms of fuel efficiency of automotive vehicles.
- iv) Promotion of use of multi-axle vehicles, radial tyres, reduction in the weight and aerodynamic profiling of buses & trucks.
- v) promoting use of additives as well as increasing re-refining and recycling of used lubricating oils etc.; and
- vi) experimental operation of using methanol/ethanol and CNG as dual-fuel in partial replacement of diesel in automotive vehicles.
- vii) in the agricultural sector the stress is on increasing awareness among the farmers on the use of right type of irrigation pumpsets and tractors, adoption of improved operational and maintenance practices and complete or partial rectification of pumpsets.

**Health for All**

5412. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:  
DR. K. D. JESWANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and those actually

**Wastage of Oil**

5434. SHRISOBHANADREESWARARAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is wastage of oil in different oil projects at various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to bring down this oil wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). Some wastage of oil in the form of leakage, spillage, evaporation, etc., of petroleum products may take place in the oil projects.

(c) Measures taken to prevent such wastage include adoption of improved house-keeping, operation and maintenance practices; conduct of energy audits and diagnostic analysis/studies to identify areas requiring rectification of improvement; and adoption of improved technology/retrofitting etc.

**Accumulation of Iron-Ore at Kudramukh Iron Ore Company**

5435. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is large scale accumulation of iron ore at Kudremukh Iron Ore Company in Karnataka due to sluggish demand from foreign buyers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of iron ore lying with the company at present; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to explore new markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). As on 1.4.93 the stock position of shippable iron ore concentrate and pellets with Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) was as under:

Iron Ore Concentrate - 2.15 lakh tonnes

Iron Ore Pellets - 1.5 lakh tonnes

Considering the size of Company's operations, the stock levels are not high. Maintenance of stock at these levels is necessary to meet shipping schedules and avoid detention of vessels.

(d) The development of new markets is a continuous process in the company. Substantial progress has been made by the company during 1992-93 in locating new markets in countries like China and Taiwan.

**Riot-Affected Areas**

5436. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: SHRI MAJORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint delegation of four national women's organisations visited the riot-affected areas in Bhopal, Ahmedabad and Surat recently;

(b) if so, whether any memorandum has been submitted to the Union Government by the said delegation;

(c) if so the main demands made therein; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The

Inida's stand on NPT and appreciated out security concerns. He also urged the world community to make efforts to eliminate India's reservations on NPT.

(b) India and Germany have agreed to conduct a bilateral dialogue on all aspects of disarmament and non-proliferation.

#### **Purchase of Jet Planes**

5481. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar propose to purchase jet planes for V.V.I.P.s;

(b) whether the Union Government have decided to provide foreign exchange to the Government of Bihar for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the justification for providing foreign exchange for the purchase of jet planes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c). Government of Bihar has applied for issue of licence for import of Beechjet 400A aircraft for a.c.i.f. value of USD 53,36,755 for VIP and VVIP flights. The proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Commerce.

[English]

#### **Srisailem Raigat Bank Canal Scheme**

5482. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand to cancel the tenders awarded in respect of Sri sailem Raigat Bank Canal scheme works to be taken up with the World Bank aid as these tenders were awarded nearly 100 per cent over the estimated rates; and

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Cultural Centre in South Africa**

5483. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a cultural centre in South Africa to promote people to people contacts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the salient features of the functions of this Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMANKI KURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Centre will be located in Johannesburg, South Africa, and shall be expected to promote people to people contacts in fields such as culture, information, science, education, tourism and sports.

#### **Extradition of LTTE Leaders**

5484. DR. VASANT NIWRUTHI PAWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision in regard to extradition of LTTE leaders who were involved in terrorist activities in the country from Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken up

for a report from the State Government regarding the issue raised by the hon. Member.

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister has assured that he will get a report from the State Government.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: On what will he get a report from the State Government?  
(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI (Darbhanga): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, today I want to raise a very important issue in the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, a few days ago through newspapers we came to know about a fire incident at Narora Nuclear Plant. The reactor was very close to the place where fire accident occurred. Had the fire engulfed the reactor we would not have been safe in Delhi. This House would have assembled at some other place. This is a very serious matter, about which I came to know through newspaper only. If it is an act of sabotage I demand that the Government to makes a statement in this regard and clarify the position. I would like to know the cause of the fire and whether precautionary measures were taken to save the reactor? Had this fire engulfed the reactor, people living in the radius of at least 200 kilometers would have died. To make the position clear, I demand a statement in this regard from the Government. Was it an act of sabotage or a terrorist act or was it due to the negligence on the part of the employees working there. The Government may place the facts on the Table of the House as it is a very serious matter.

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Chatterjee, you have give a notice under Rule 16 to raise an issue pertaining to Rule 332. May I request you

to kindly speak to the Hon'able Speaker regarding the subject and discuss the matter with him. This is an important matter and the Hon'able Speaker is also anxious to discuss the matter with you.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum): Sir, as you have advised.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is not an advice, it is a request. In the interest of the subject, it is better if you discuss it with the Speaker.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Sir, I was just drawing your attention to the fact that only three weeks ago we have amended this rule. Now, departmentally related committees are going to function. in Rule 331(g) it is provided that after the general discussion on the Budget in the two Houses is over, the Houses shall be adjourned for a week's period and the committees shall consider the Demands for Grants of the concerned ministries during this period. This is what has been provided in the amended version of the rule.

We are receiving notices from the Chairmen of various committees that we shall take up the discussion on Demands for Grants without going through the general discussion on the Budget and also without having a recess in the House. I would have been very glad if the Speaker were in the Chair. This position must be clarified. I wanted to draw the attention of the Chair to this fact. Now, since I have raised this matter, I will talk to the Speaker and he should clarify the position. One alternative is that the Speaker should suspend the rule in the House so that these two things are not operational. We owe it to the House that within these three weeks, we do not violate the rules. That is all I wanted to draw your attention. to.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Sir, I would like to draw your kind attention to a very important matter.  
(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I want to

accommodate all of you. What I need is your cooperation.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Sir, I would like to draw your attention to a very important and alarming issue.

Recently, byelections to two Assembly segments took place in Andhra Pradesh. Unfortunately, after the elections, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh ..... \*\* ..... at thanks-giving meetings had expressed certain views which were contrary to the democratic functioning of this country. He had accused the Election Commissioner ..... \*\* ..... for asking some steps to prevent rigging and also for making arrangements for free and fair poll.

Sir, it is most unfortunate that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh should say that he had contested against the Election Commissioner not against Shrimati Renuka Chaudhary, the TDP candidate.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Rao, you cannot take the names of the hon. Chief Minister as well as .....

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you are really anxious to get justice to the subject, then please bring this subject under relevant provision of the Rules.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Certainly.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: In the Zero Hour, you cannot raise this matter. If you want justice and if you feel that some injustice is to be done, you cannot now, expect any reply from the Government.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: He had threatened the management of

Panyam Cements who were kind enough to give shelter to the TDP sympathisers to stay in thier rest house. He had threatened them of dire consequences. It is most unfortunate that he had aroused regional sentiments which are quite anti-democratic like the Congress (I) Party. You must protect the democratic provisions of the Constitution.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: In another ten minutes time, most of you can participate.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA (Pali): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I would like to draw your attention towards an important matter. Shri Gauhar Ayub Khan the head of the Pakistanti delegation which is on a visit to India has made a statement at a press conference recently wherein he has said that India would disintegrate into small pieces and he further added that if Kashmir is not handed over to Pakistan then Millitants will dig up the grave of Sheikh Abdulla. He announced that very soon India will be destructed. It is unfortunate that a Pakistani leader, gives a anti-India statement in Delhi which is a blow to our sovereignty and integrity and our External Affairs Minister as well as the Home Minister do not take any action and remain silent.

Sir, our language which was in the centre of our whole Independence movement for which Shri Maithli Sharan Gupta has said:

*"Jisko na Nij Bhasha Tatha Nij Desh Ka Abhiman Hai  
Woh Nar Nahin Hain Pashu Nira Aur Mritak saman Hai"*

Bhartendu Harishchandra has said:

*"Nij Bhasha Unnati Ahe Sab Unnati Ko Mool."*



last three years for the rehabilitation of bonded labour, state-wise, and

(d) the amount actually spent by each state for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) and (d) In the Report of the working Group on Development and Welfare of Scheduled Castes during the Eight five Year Plan 1990-95 some instances of freed bonded labour going back to their masters because of lack of rehabilitation programmes have been reported. The Govern-

ment have directed the State Government to streamline the rehabilitation procedures in order to ensure simultaneous release and rehabilitation of bonded labour

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs 306 lakhs, Rs 346.26 lakhs and Rs 190 lakhs was allocated under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the rehabilitation of bonded labour during the last three years. Allocations are not made State-wise. Disbursement are made on the basis of reimbursement claims raised by the State Governments. The Central Share of assistance released to the State in the said period is given below -

State	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Andhra Pradesh -	-	26.60	
Bihar	65.50	3.28	11.12
Madhya Pradesh	0.23	-	-
Orissa	34.29	-	-
Rajasthan	-	-	5.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.02</b>	<b>3.28</b>	<b>43.39</b>

**Loans by Private Sector from International Markets**

6587 SHRI BOLLABULLIRAMAIAH  
SHRISOBHANADREESWARA  
RAOVADDE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) Whether the Union Government have directed State Governments and financial institutions to guarantee the loans obtained by the private sector units from international markets and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR ABRAR AHMED) (a) No Sir  
(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

**Grants/Subsidies to sick Units.**

6588 SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the number of sick industries to which loans and grants/subsidies have been provided

(d) As per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, prior approval of the Central Government is required before any forest land can be diverted for non forestry purposes including for mining for which formal proposal is required to be sent by the State/UT Government in the prescribed proforma. Final decision on the proposal is taken after careful examination of all the relevant information including likely adverse effect of the project on the environment including on Flora and Fauna

[English]

### **Subsidy to Farm as for Fish/Prawn Culture**

6002 SHRISOBHANADREESWARARAO VADDE Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the details of the guidelines providing a subsidy to the farmers who have taken up brackish water fish/prawn culture

(b) whether the subsidy is applicable only to the farmers who have obtained loans from the commercial banks

(c) whether the Government propose to issue new instructions to the State Governments to ensure payment of subsidy to the farmers who have taken brackish water fish/prawn culture and provisions for loans to the farmers in this regard

(d) if so the details thereof and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) (a) Under the centrally sponsored Scheme called Integrated Brackish Water Fish Farm Development the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation gives

subsidy for brackish water fish/prawn farming as per the yardstick furnished below -

(i) A maximum subsidy of Rs. 30,000 per Ha per beneficiary for development of brackish water farms and first crop inputs through Brackish-water Fish Farmers Development Agencies, who are registered as farmers under such agencies

(ii) A maximum subsidy of Rs. 30,000 per ha per beneficiary for construction of new semi-intensive shrimp farms of maximum land holding of 10 ha to all categories of farmers

(iii) Subsidy limited a maximum of Rs. 1 lakh for setting up of small/back yard shrimp hatcheries

The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce also provides subsidy to the farmers who have taken up brackish water fish/prawn culture under the following pattern -

- 1 25 percent capital investment subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000 per ha and Rs. 1,50,000 per beneficiary. The maximum area of subsidy per beneficiary is 10 ha. The scheme is applicable only to such prawn farmers registered with the authority and who were not availing such benefits under other programmes
- 2 After selection of farmers and survey of the land a bankable project report is prepared and recommended to the bank for the loan component. When the loan is sanctioned by the bank the beneficiary has to complete construction work under the supervision of the staff of the Authority and the subsidy is released by the Authority to the bank against the loan availed by the beneficiaries on satisfactory completion of the work.

Kerala

**National Programme for Control of  
Blindness**

7094 SHRI C P MUDALA GIRIYAPPA  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have received two micro Plans for Mandya district from Karnataka Government under the National programme for Control of Blindness scheme,

(b) if so the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken for clearance of these proposals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir A Micro plan for training, strengthening of ophthalmic infra-structure, school eye care in Madhya District has been received

(c) The States have been advised to form District Blindness Control Societies to strengthen the National Programme for control of Blindness at the district level Financial assistance is being provided to these Societies by the Government of India

[Translation]

**Compliance of Directives and Advises**

7095 SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware that in the decision of the Central Industrial Tribunal dated 20.10.1989 and in the decision of the High Court dated 15.2.1991 against petition submitted by the Mathura Refinery Worker's Union the management of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited,

Mathura Refinery, had issued certain directives and advises,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have ensured the compliance of these directives and advises,

(d) if so, the details in this regard, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) to (e) The Award dated 6.10.1989 of the Central Government Industrial Tribunal, New Delhi, Published in the Gazette of India dated October 9.1.1989 has been seen Its main findings is that the contract labour employed at Mathura Refinery are not in law the employees of the Indian Oil Corporation Accordingly the 48 workmen whose services were terminated are not the employees of IOC

The Central Advisory Contract Labour Board has, in the meantime, constituted a Tripartite Committee on 30th May, 1990 to go into the question of abolition of Contract Labour in Mathura Refinery and the Marketing Division of Indian Oil Corporation Limited Mathura

[English]

**LPG Connections**

7096 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARAO VADDE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) the total number of LPG connections in the country, State-wise,

(b) the number of private companies which are supplying LPG cylinders to the LPG dealers in the State of North East India including West Bengal; and

(c) the name of such companies and number of cylinders supplies by them annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) A Statement is annexed

(b) Empty cylinders are procured by the public sector oil companies from cylinder manufacturers and then issued to the distributors. No private company is supplying filled LPG cylinders direct to the distributors

(c) Does not arise

## STATEMENT

State-wise data on 01-04-93

Figure in lakhs  
(Provisional)

Sl. No.	State	Total No. of LPG connection
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15.332
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.06
3.	Assam	1 25
4.	Bihar	5 799
5.	Goa	1 269
6.	Gujarat	17 317
7.	Haryana	5 668
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1 619
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1 942
10	Karnataka	9.848

State wise data on		01-04-93		Figure in lakhs (Provisional)	
SI No	State	Total No	of LPG connection		
1	2	3			
11	Kerala		6 498		
12	Madhya Pradesh		10 472		
13	Maharashtra		19 567		
14	Manipur		0 11		
15	Meghalaya		0 13		
16	Mizoram		0 07		
17	Nagaland		0 110		
18	Orissa		2 509		
19	Punjab		7 266		
20	Rajasthan		6 916		
21	Sikkim		0 086		

State-wise data on	01-04-93	Figure in lakhs (Provisional)	
Sl No.	State	Total No of LPG connection	
1	2	3	
22.	Tamil Nadu	15.718	
23.	Tripura	0.13	
24.	Uttar Pradesh	21 415	
25.	West Bengal	9.81	
	UNION TERRITORIES		
1.	Andaman & Car Nicobar	0.05	
2.	Chandigarh	1.352	
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.038	
4.	Delhi	13 501	
5	Daman & Diu	0\073	
6	lakshadweep	0.01	
7	Pondicherry	0.304	

**Loans to SC/ST Bus Permit Holders**

\*7167 SHRIRAM PRASAD SINGH  
SHRI PIUS TIRKEY

Will the Minister of WELFARE be please to state

(a) whether the Government propose to disburse loans to all SC/STA bus permit holders through National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and Delhi Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and development Corporation (DSFDC)

(b) if so the details thereof

(c) the number of persons provided with such loans so far

(d) the reasons for not providing loans to the remaining persons

(e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for early disbursement of loans

(f) whether any complaint has been received by the Government against NSFDC and DSFDC in this regard, and

(g) if so the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a) All the eligible SC/ST STA bus permit holders are being given loans through NSFDC and DSFDC

(b) to (e) 98 persons have been provided financial assistance for purchase of buses under STA bus permit Scheme. Action for disbursement of loans in two cases is under progress. Applications of those not found eligible under the Scheme have been rejected.

(f) and (g) The complaints against NSFDC were not found to be true. The complaints

against officers of DSFDC were passed on to Delhi administration for appropriate action.

[English]

**Construction of Platform in the Highseas**

7168 SHRI SOBHANDERESWARA  
RAO VADDE  
SHRIM V V S MURTHI

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be please to state

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has taken a decision to award the work of construction of Platform in the Highseas

(b) whether the Hindustan Shipyard Limited also has tendered bid for this work

(c) the details of the bids of the various competitors for this work

(d) whether the work has been awarded to the Mazagaon Dock Limited and

(e) if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) to (e) R-15A Well Platform in South Heera Field is the only platform project recently awarded to Mazagaon Dock Limited. Hindustan Shipyard Limited had also participated in the global tender. In addition, M/s Samsung Company Limited, Korea and BSCL, Calcutta had also participated in the tender. The contract was awarded to MDL since their offer was the lowest techno-commercially acceptable offer in the tender.

**Transformation of Natural Gas into Safe Products**

7169 SHRI RAM KAPSE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be



According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd (CIL) the total amount for which coal was supplied by them to different Electricity Board during the Year 1992-93 was Rs 2842 crores

(b) The total outstanding dues from Electricity Boards/Power Utilities as on 28 2 1993, were Rs 2307 87 crores

(c) Coal India Ltd have decided to raise interest bills for outstanding amounts

(d) Following steps have been taken to recover the outstanding dues

- (i) All power units commissioned after 1 4 1989 were being supplied coal only against advance payments or against revolving Letter of credit
- (ii) Government of India have decided to adjust all undisputed coal sales outstanding as on 31 5 1990 against the Central Assistance to State Plans payable to the state Governments whose state Electricity Boards and power utilities had defaulted, in four equal instalments. So far, three instalments have been received
- (iii) As a result of mounting arrears of out-

standing dues Ministry of Coal advised CIL to start supplying coal to the power Utilities only against advance payments. This scheme, which is better known as 'Cash & Carry Scheme' was introduced with effect from 1 10 1991. A decision has since been taken to enforce this scheme strictly with effect from April 1993

- (iv) State Government have been requested to persuade/enable their State Electricity Boards to clear the outstanding dues at the earliest

#### Import of LPG

7228 SHRI SOBHA NADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

- (a) the quantity and cost of LPG imported during 1991-92, and
- (b) the local cost break up on an average?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CPAT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) The import of LPG and value thereof during the year 1991-92 was as under -

	Quantity '000' Tonnes	Value Rs/Crores
	Quantity	Value (C I F)
1991-92	215	148.38

(b) The details of local costs of LPG during 1991-92 were as under -

	Rs /MT (AVG)
a) Warfage/landing charges	129 10
b) Ocean less	45 49
c) Demurrage	50 06
d) Customs duty	7310 75
e) Countervailing duty	286 00
Total -	7821 40

(c) whether the said Delegation was also scheduled to visit Jammu and Ladakh, and

(d) if so, the dates on which it was to visit these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) (a) and (b) A multi-party Parliamentary Delegation visited Kashmir Valley from 27th to 29th October, 1992. The delegation felt that efforts will be necessary to activate political elements and ensure people's participation in the administration and developmental activities in order to create an atmosphere conducive to holding of elections in Jammu and Kashmir

(c) and (d) The visit of this delegation to Jammu and Ladakh regions was also contemplated but the same could not materialise at that stage

[English]

#### Production of High Grade Coal

7244 SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any project for stepping up the production of high grade coal in the country to discontinue the import of coal,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the time by which the country is likely to become self-sufficient in meeting the requirement of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA) (a) to (c) Import of coal is being resorted to by Steel Plants to meet the present gap between demand and indigenous availability of superior grade coking coals. The indigenous availability of higher grades of non-coking coals is adequate to meet the current demand in the country. The steps being taken to increase availability of good quality non-coking coal inter alia include -

- (i) Augmenting the capacity of coal handling and screening facilities to improve consistency of quality of des-patches,
- (ii) Reorganisation and development of some of the existing mines producing better

grades of coal,

(iii) Opening of new mines,

(iv) Beneficiation of coal for eliminating extraneous material to improve the overall quality

Steps being taken to augment domestic availability of coking coals are -

(i) increasing the raw coking coal supply to the existing washeries by reorganising existing mines and development of new mines,

(ii) increasing washery feed by restoration of low volatile coking coal sources which were de-linked in 1984-85 from washers on account of quality consideration and now found acceptable after testing,

(iii) expediting commission of two new washeries one each at Madhuband and Kedia for increasing the existing washing capacity

(iv) modification of the existing coking coal washers by implementation of the recommendations of the technical committee to improve the capacity utilisation as well as the quality of washed coking coal,

(v) transporting more quantity of low ash coking coal available in Assam and Meghalaya to the Steel Plants

Some of the important coking coal projects identified for development during the 8th plan include Parej Opencast project, Topa (Reorganisation) Opencast project, Jharkhand Opencast project, Parej East Underground project, Kathara (Re-organisation) Opencast project etc.

With the increased availability of metallurgical grades of coking coals from indigenous sources the quantum of coking coal imports is expected to come down, details whereof cannot be ascertained now

#### Aids Control

7245 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian doctors settled in America have set up a committee to help Indian Government to check the spread of AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government received any offer from the Doctors of Indian origin and settled in America,

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATGWAR) (a) to (c) The American Association of Physicians from India and the International Committee of Association of State and Territorial Public Health Laboratory Directors have expressed their desire to assist the national AIDS Control project in the area of Surveillance or HIV testing, Blood safety and control of sexually Transmitted Diseases

(d) The Government have assured full help and assistance to such efforts provided they are in harmony with the national Strategy in this regard

**Arrest of Activists of Banned Organisations**

7246. SHRI RAM NAIK  
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN  
SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR  
SHRI LOKANATH  
CHOUDHURY

SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of persons arrested upto January 31, 1993 connected with five banned organisations in December, 1992, State wise and organisation-wise,

(b) the number of persons declared 'wanted', State-wise and organisation-wise,

(c) the number of offices sealed, State-wise and organisation-wise, and

(d) the details of security measures taken/proposed to be taken to safeguard the offices and property of the banned organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P M SAYEED) (a) and (c) A statement indicating the number of persons arrested connected with five banned organisations and number of premises declared unlawful State-wise and organisation-wise is enclosed.

(b) Central Government is not maintaining any data about the number of persons declared 'wanted', as law and order is a State subject. Moreover, there is no provision in the Unlawful Activity (Prevention) Act, 1967 for declaring any person as 'wanted'

(d) The security of offices and the property of the banned organisations is the concern of the respective State Governments/UT's Administrations where the offices are located

**Subsidy to Farmers by Marine Product Export Development Authority**

\*829. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Marine Product Export Development Authority is giving subsidy to the Brackish Water Prawn Culture Farms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether subsidy is being given to only such farmers as obtained loans from

the Financial Institutions;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to remove this condition; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is giving following subsidy for the development of brackish water prawn culture farms:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Subsidy scheme</i>	<i>Objective of the Scheme</i>	<i>Rate of subsidy</i>
1.	Subsidy for New Farm Development	To bring new area Under scientific shrimp farming.	25% of Capital investment of Rs 30,000/ha. which ever is less. Maximum limit for an individual/unit under the scheme is upto 1.5 lakhs to develop 10 ha. of new area.
2.	Subsidy for Shrimp feed and seed	To encourage shrimp production through traditional farms.	25% of Cost of shrimp feed and seed to a maximum of Rs.30,000/- and Rs.450/ respectively perha. Maximum area is limited to 50 ha. per unit/beneficiary.
3.	Subsidy for establishment of shrimp hatchery	To encourage shrimp production	25% of capital investment subject to a maximum of Rs 5 lakhs.
4.	Subsidy for establishment of spawners bank	To encourage establishment of spawners bank	25% of capital cost subject to maximum of Rs. 1.5 lakhs per unit.

(c) to (f). Scientific shrimp farming is capital intensive. Most entrepreneurs take recourse to assistance from a Bank or some other financial institution. MPEDA has, therefore, generally linked up its subsidy schemes

to bank finance. This helps to ensure that the project is viable and to guard against possibility of mis-use and mis-application of the subsidy facility. However, where an entrepreneur has other sources of financing

his project, and can offer valid proof of viability of his project, of creation of assets, and of investments made, MPEDA can consider such cases for grant of subsidy on merits.

### **Export of Grapes**

\*831. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of grapes exported

and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years, country-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to boost its export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE  
(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b).  
A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

**Guidelines By Sebi**

7351. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have recently issued some guidelines on the holding of financial institutions in private companies and the role played by their nominees on the Board in decision making; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has not issued any guidelines on the holding of financial institutions in private companies and the role played by their nominees on the Boards of private companies in decision making. However, in December, 1992, SEBI had requested Chief Executives of select financial institutions to depute their representatives to attend annual general meeting of companies in which they hold substantial stake to ensure that the proposals of the companies to raise additional funds are adequately justified and also to ensure that the pricing of issues is reasonable.

**Loan For Fish Tanks**

7352. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether loan assistance to fishermen is given by the commercial banks for construction of fish tanks;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the loan assistance is provided to fishermen by all commercial and co-operative banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c). Development of fisheries in all its aspects from fish catching to stage of export, financing of equipment necessary for deep sea fishing, rehabilitation of tanks (fresh water fishing), fish breeding, etc., are considered as activities allied to agriculture. Therefore, short term as well as term loans granted by commercial banks for these activities are treated as direct finance to agriculture and hence would form part of priority sector advances. All Indian banks including public sector banks have been asked to raise the proportion of their credit to priority sector to 40% of their total advances. Direct finance extended to Agriculture, including allied activities are to reach 18% of their total credit. The data about the loans disbursed for construction of fish tanks only is not generated by the reporting system. However, the amount disbursed by all scheduled commercial banks for fisheries during the last three years is as under:-

<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>	
<i>Year ended June</i>	<i>Amount disbursed for fisheries</i>
1989	62.67
1990	55.60
1991	51.12

[Translation]

**Reconstitution of Central Board of Excise and Customs**

7353. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: