

(c) what steps are being taken to introduce effective innovations in the existing system of checks and balances?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Nanda):** (a) Yes, a Minister-level Committee has been set up to go into the problem of administrative delays and allied matters. It is assisted by a small committee of Secretaries.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Various steps are under consideration, in addition to measures already undertaken through the Department of Administrative Reforms.

#### Distribution of Petroleum Products

\*205 { Shri P. R. Chakraverti;  
Shri P. C. Boroohah;  
Shri Rameshwar Tantia;  
Shri Surendra Pal Singh;  
Shri Shree Narayan Das;  
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri;  
Shri Yashpal Singh;  
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha;  
Shri Daji;  
Shri Mohammad Elias;  
Shrimati Vimla Devi;  
Shri Sezhiyan;  
Shri D. C. Sharma;  
Shri Eam Harkh Yadav;  
Shri Jashvant Mehta;

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have evolved a programme for the movement of petroleum products in consultation with the Oil Companies;

(b) if so, whether the latter strictly adhered to this programme; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to ensure proper movement and distribution of kerosene and high speed diesel oils?

**The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir):**

(a) Yes, Sir. Monthly movement plans were drawn up in June, 1965.

(b) After an initial period of about two weeks, the implementation of

this programme has by and large been satisfactory.

(c) Does not arise. However, monthly movement plans will continue to be framed and their implementation watched.

#### Petroleum Products from U.S.S.R.

{ Shri Rameshwar Tantia;  
Shri P. C. Boroohah;  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra;  
Shri K. N. Tiwary;  
Shri Mohammed Koya;  
Shri Gulshan;  
Shri P. H. Bheel;  
\*206. { Shri Basappa;  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa;  
Shri Yashpal Singh;  
Shri Jashvant Mehta;  
Shri Kapur Singh;  
Shri Solanki;  
Shri Bagri;

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.S.R. has agreed to supply to India double the quantities of petroleum products as compared to those supplied in 1964;

(b) if so, the total quantity to be supplied this year;

(c) the terms offered for the supply;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Soviet oil products are cheaper than those imported from the Western countries; and

(e) if so, the difference in the prices thereof?

**The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir):**

(a) Yes, Sir. The imports of petroleum products from USSR during 1965 will be somewhat more than double the quantities imported in 1964.

(b) A total quantity of about 1.5 million tonnes is proposed to be imported during the current year.

(c) to (e). These details cannot be disclosed in the public interest, but