

Induction of Personnel from Corporate Sector in Commercial Wings

650. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any proposal to induct personnel from the Corporate Sector in the commercial wing of India's diplomatic missions abroad;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to improve the working of Indian Embassies and Missions abroad; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d). The Government constantly monitors the working of Indian Missions abroad and is engaged in improving their functioning as required.

[Translation]

Auraiya Gas Cracker Project

652. SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY:
SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have closed the Auraiya Gas Cracker Project:

(b) if so, the funds allocated for the purpose and the amount to be released during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

LPG Agencies in Maharashtra

653. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for opening of more LPG agencies and Petrol/Diesel retail outlets in Parbhani and Nanded district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places where these are to be opened; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Representations are received from time to time for opening of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies in different places of the country including those in Maharashtra. New LPG agencies and petrol pumps are opened in different places depending upon economic viability, product availability, etc.