

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

VIDESH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b). A Member of Parliament raised the question in the Rajya Sabha on 1st April, 1971. Government have given consideration to the matter but have not decided to declare *persona non-grata*.

Saving of Foreign Exchange of Crude Oil

37. SHRI P. GANGADEB :
SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUN-
WALA
SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :

Will the PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning and finding ways to save foreign exchange on crude oil as a result of the increase in prices;

(b) the total amount expected to be spent by Government as a result of the increase in price of crude oil by the foreign companies during 1970; and

(c) the expected increase in the refining capacity ?

PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Various possible ways by which reduction in outgo of foreign exchange can be effected consequent on higher prices currently being charged by the oil companies for crude imports are under Government's active consideration.

(b) No additional foreign exchange was released on account of the intimations given by the foreign oil companies of increase in the price of crude during 1970, but lesser quantity of crude was imported by the oil companies as a consequence.

(c) The refining capacity in the public sector is planned to be progressively increased during the 4th Plan period as under :

(i) Barauni from 2.2 to 3.4 million tonnes

(ii) Cochine .. 2.5 to 3.5

(iii) Koyali .. 3.65 to 4.3

(iv) Haldia Refinery is expected to be commissioned with a capacity of 2.5 million tonnes.

Preparation by Pakistan for War against India

38. SHRI P. GANGADEB :
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI :

Will the RAKSHA MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Pakistan was putting up tents and installing field guns and have been surveying the Indian side of the border from position near Submandi;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) whether Pakistan is preparing for another war with India ?

RAKSHA MANTRI (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) No, Sir. Government have no such reports.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government are aware of Pakistan's efforts to augment the offensive capacity of her Armed Forces.

Protest Note to Pakistan for Firing into Indian Villages

39. SHRI P. GANGADEB : Will the VIDESH MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have asked Pakistan on the 16th April, 1971 immediately to direct its forces in East Bengal to stop shooting into the Indian villages;

(b) whether any protest note was also forwarded to Pakistan in which it was pointed