

Applications from foreign companies for grant of industrial licences for formulation activities are generally not favoured unless coupled with proposals for production of bulk drugs. They are also generally bound down to supply a substantial portion of their bulk drug production to the non-associated formulators which is also expected to help growth of the Indian sector.

**Import of crude oil during 1972-73 and its allocation to public and private sector agencies**

5801. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI;  
SHRI GADADHAR SAHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of crude Oil imported in the country during 1972-73 and the country-wise break-up of the imports;

(b) the shares of each Private oil company and Public sector agencies in this total import and the prices paid by the public sector agencies and the private companies for the imported crude; and

(c) whether there is any difference between these prices and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):  
(a) The information for 1972 is as under:—

Name of the country	Quantity of Crude Oil imported (Approx) (In million tonnes)
Iran	9.654
Saudi Arabia	2.510
Iraq	0.146

(b) and (c). Out of 12.31 million tonnes, 7.237 million tonnes was imported by the private oil companies and 5.073 million tonnes by the public sector agencies. The company-wise break-up of these figures of imports is as under:—

Private Oil Companies	In million tonnes
Burmah-Shell	3.575
Esso	2.510
Caltex	1.152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7.237</b>

*Public Sector*

1. Cochin Refineries	2.363
2. Madras Refineries	2.605
3. Indian Oil Corporation	0.105
	<b>5.073</b>

The prices at present being claimed by the companies for the import of crude oil are as under:—

*Private Oil Company*

1. Burmah-Shell	\$2.250/bbl
2. Esso	\$2.087/bbl
3. Caltex	\$2.250/bbl

*Public Sector*

1. Madras Refineries	\$1.92/bbl (Suppliers have claimed \$2.21/bbl from January, 1973)
2. Cochin Refineries	\$2.0515/bbl.
3. Indian Oil Corporation	It is not in the commercial interests of the IOC to disclose this price.

As the type, specifications, sources and terms of import of crude Oil vary from company to company, the prices claimed by them are not comparable.

**Alleged wastage of Rs. 40 crores on oil wells in Gujarat**

5802. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report published in "Blitz" an English Weekly published from Bombay, dated the 17th February, 1973 under the caption "ONGC wastes Rs. 40 crores on dud wells"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Chairman, ONGC, has been asked to get an enquiry made into the various allegations.

**Report submitted by Committee of officers of Howrah division of Eastern railway for rehabilitation of Howrah-Amra and Howrah, Sheakhala Light Railway**

5803. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 17th July, 1972, a Committee headed by ENC (Track) and assisted by respective Divisional officers of engineering, mechanical and signal branches, along with Divisional Accounts Officer of Howrah division, Eastern Railway, was appointed to examine the condition of track, workshop equipment and other assets of Howrah-Amra and Howrah-Sheakhala light railways and to indicate the steps to be taken for rehabilitation work;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has recently submitted its reports to Government;

(c) if so, the main findings thereof; and

(d) the reasons why the report has not been laid on the Table of the House?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) In compliance with the Railway Board's orders dated 17-7-1972, the Eastern Railway had appointed this Survey Committee.

(b) Yes.

(c) (i) Fish-plates, sleepers, rails and costly fittings from rolling stock are missing;

(ii) Shops, markets and coal depots have come up on the Railway track;

(iii) About Rs. 82 lakhs will be incurred in rehabilitating the assets of the two Light Railways.

(iv) About 53 weeks would be required for reviving the two Light Railways.

(d) It was not necessary in respect of a report submitted by a purely departmental Survey Committee.

**Monopoly of private sector in the field of power Consultancy Services**

5804. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a virtual monopoly of private sector in the field of power Consultancy Services in spite of availability of tried and proved expertise/experience in this field in Public Sector; and

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to break this private sector monopoly; and

(c) if so, how?