

(b) whether any scheme is being drawn to induct them in Ordnance factories, Central Industrial Security Force and Railway Protection Force ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) :
(a) and (b) : Government are aware of the problems faced by ex-Servicemen in finding jobs on their retirement or release from service to mitigate which a number of facilities such as reservations in Group 'C' and 'D' posts, relaxation in educational qualifications, age and priority in employment have been extended to them. In particular, a policy of reservation is in force for employment of ex-Servicemen in Ordnance factories, Central Industrial Security Force, Railway Protection Force, etc. Though some difficulties have been encountered in the full utilisation of these reservations, particularly in para military forces, efforts are being made to overcome these. In respect of the employment of ex-Servicemen in para military forces, one of the difficulties has been that most recruitments are made in the rank of Constables, which ex-Servicemen are frequently reluctant to accept. Besides, they are generally more keen for employment close to their homes, in civilian employment.

Shortage of LPG Cylinders in West Bengal

562. **SHRI AMAL DATTA :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the total demand of LPG cylinders per month in West Bengal ;

(b) the number of LPG cylinders being supplied per month by the IOC and the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation to the State ;

(c) the number of cylinders remaining short of the demand per month ;

(d) the steps being taken to cover the shortage ; and

(e) whether State Government has any control over the dealers of LPG cylinders as well as over the supply of LPG cylinders in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :
(a) and (b) : The total demand and number of LPG cylinders being supplied per month in West Bengal is as follows :

| | Total Demand | Number of cylinders supplied |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Indian Oil Corporation | 2.5 lakhs | In full |
| Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. | 60,000 | In full |

(c) Currently there is no backlog in supply of LPG in West Bengal.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The State Government has control over LPG distributors under relevant Statutes. The Government of West Bengal has no powers regarding regulation of LPG supplies in the State.

Forest-Based Industries in Madhya Pradesh

563. **KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of forest-based industries set up in Madhya Pradesh so far ;