

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Raigarh is already a Category 'C' backward district :

(c) The following incentives/concessions are available to entrepreneurs setting up industries in Raigarh District.

- (i) Central Investment subsidy @ 10% subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakhs. (MRTP/FERA Companies are not eligible to Central Subsidy).
- (ii) Concessional finance.
- (iii) Interest subsidy to Engineer entrepreneurs.
- (iv) Seed/Margin Money assistance.
- (v) Tax Concession.
- (vi) Facility for purchase of machinery on hire-purchase basis.
- (vii) Consultancy for technical services.
- (viii) Special concession for nucleus plants.

#### Open of Petrol Bunks in Bangalore

4132. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petrol bunks in Bangalore city ;

(b) whether these are incommensurate with the number of vehicle palying ;

(c) the number of petrol bunks in Jayanagar ; and

(d) whether Government have given permission for more number of petrol bunks in areas where the bunks are less to help the public who are using vehicles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) 134 retail outlets (petrol/diesel pumps) are presently operating in Bangalore city.

(b) Opening of retail outlets (petrol/diesel pumps), dealerships by the oil companies is a continuous process to take care of the increased demand. Locations for opening of petrol/diesel retail outlets are identified by the oil industry on the basis of periodical surveys and the volume-distance norms laid down for the purpose. Potential for more such outlets exists in Bangalore City and is being provided for by the Oil Industry.

(c) Three.

(d) Keeping the demand potential in view, selection of dealers for four new retail outlets in Bangalore City, including one in Jayanagar area has already been made and the outlets will be commissioned as soon as the selected dealers complete/procure the required facilities, four new retail outlets have also been planned for which selection of dealers is under way.

#### Production of L.P.G. Cylinders

4133. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government had taken a policy decision two years ago to step up production of L.P.G. cylinders to make available cooking gas to every household ;

(b) whether D.G.T.D. had issued registration to 600 units with an aggregate installed capacity of 128 million cylinders per annum ;

(c) the number of units gone into production and the number of units ready to go into production ;

(d) whether Indian Oil Corporation has advised new units not to go in for production as there is no scope for placing orders with the new units ;

(e) whether on account of inability of Indian Oil Corporation to place orders with new units, about 15,000 workers are facing retrenchment and the capital outlay on these units is becoming irrecoverable ; and

(f) whether Government propose to find out any immediate solution before this problem becomes grave ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :

(a) In the context of shortfalls in the availability of LPG cylinders, steps were taken two years ago to improve the availability from the existing units.

(b) D.G.T.D. have issued registration for manufacture of LPG cylinders to around 650 units with a registered capacity of around 130 million cylinders per annum.

(c) Fifty four units are in production while approximately 14 are ready to go into production.

(d) The oil industry has advised those who have recently set up units or are in the process of setting them up to consider diversifying their facilities and investment to production of other items.

(e) and (f) : As the new units have not gone into commercial production the possibility of large scale retrenchment of labour does not arise. Ways of rendering help to the manufacturing units are being explored.

**Import of Photographic Colour Paper and Film by Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd.**

4134. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the import prices of photographic colour paper and photographic colour film have been declining during last few years in the world market ;

(b) whether Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd., a public sector undertaking, has imported jumbo rolls both of Photographic Colour Paper and photographic colour films ;

(c) if so, the import price thereof ;

(d) the cost of their conversion by Hindustan Photo Film by slitting and confectioning ; and

(e) the present selling arrangements and their prices of the Hindustan Photo Films ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. (HPF), during the last year, had imported a small quantity of photographic colour paper in jumbo form. No imports of jumbo rolls of photographic colour film have been made.

(c) The cost per sq. m. of imported material in jumbo form on the basis of lowest price of US \$ 1.88 works out to Rs. 66.33 inclusive of customs duty.

(d) No costing has been done by the company separately for conversion of photographic colour paper in jumbo form.