

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) and (b). IDPL has stated that in view of keen competition in the market, it is unable to effectively obtain and retain business as well as service the orders in the Institutional Sector with the existing manpower in the marketing division. Therefore, the sales promotion activities of the organisation have been supplemented by appointment of agents as well.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Exploitation of Labour by Railway Officials

466. SHRI TARIF SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the malpractice, in the various railway wings, practised by the railway officials in the railway engineering and commercial wings by misusing the railway manpower for their domestic work;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any attempt to collect information about this anti-labour practice;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken to put an end to these malpractices besides taking administrative action against the defaulting officials?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). By and large, there is no misuse of railway manpower for domestic work, though a few such isolated cases have come to notice.

(d) Information and complaints received relating to the misuse of labour, are investigated promptly, and deterrent action is taken in established cases against those who indulge in such mal-practices.

Impact of Gulf War on Availability of Petroleum Products

467. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of the Gulf War on the availability of petroleum products in the country;

(b) whether the Government have been able to obtain the oil already contracted for with foreign countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No impact has been felt so far on availability of petroleum products in the country on account of the Gulf War.

(b) to (d). Yes, Sir. The quantities of crude oil and petroleum products lifted after the outbreak of Gulf War for the period 15th January to 13th February, 1991 are as under:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity in MMTS</i>
	2
Crude Oil	2.151
SKO	0.444
HSD	0.556
	3.161