

with additional charge of \$0.50/bbl. Indian tankers transported crude oil from Fujairah and Lavan island to India. The total quantity loaded/ to be loaded through this arrangement during January-February 1991 is around 0.69 MMT.

Black Marketing of Petroleum Products

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PUROHIT:

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

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the long queues on petrol pumps and diesel pumps as also on kerosene distribution centers in Delhi and on national highways and the complaints of hoarding and black-marketing in these commodities in the wake of Gulf war;

(b) the details of the raids conducted in this regard and the action taken in each case; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure fair distribution of these items and to prevent hoarding and black marketing thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Long queues were noticed at petrol and diesel pumps in Delhi between January 14-16, 1991. However, no queues were reported at kerosene distribution centres. Some complaints regarding black-marketing of diesel were also received.

(b) Following inspections were carried out by the oil companies at petrol/diesel pumps and SKO/LDO dealerships in Delhi:—

Month	Petrol/Diesel Dealership			SKO/LDO Dealerships		
	Regular	Surprise	Joint	Regular	Surprise	Joint
January, 91	124	108	31	36	—	13
February, 91 (Upto 21st)	149	394	93	31	—	5

(c) The following steps have been taken to ensure smooth distribution of petroleum products:

- (i) Inspections of retail outlets by oil companies and Delhi Administration have been intensified to check hoarding, black-marketing and other malpractices.
- (ii) appeal have been made to the public to avoid panic buying and the people have been assured about

adequate availability of petroleum products.

- (iii) Delhi Administration has issued order on 15th February, 1991 banning sale of HSD in jerry cans/ barrels or any other containers.
- (iv) additional release of HSD have been made in January-February 1991 over and above the normal entitlement for Delhi.