

both under term contracts as well as through spot purchases. Spot purchases are not relatable to specific countries. Therefore, it is to possible to give country-wise details of the import.

(c) The foreign exchange requirement for the approved imports is estimated to be more than Rs. 10,000 crores.

Gulf War and India's Energy Problem

607. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO
BRAHMBHATT:
SHRI PARASRAM
BHARADWAJ:

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

(a) whether the Gulf War and India's Energy problem prepared by the Tata Energy Research Institute has pointed out that huge saving of diesel is possible;

(b) if so, whether they have prepared a plan in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have considered this plan;

(d) if so, the details of the same; and

(e) the time by which the Government proposed to take a final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Government have seen the Press Release on 'Gulf War and India's Energy Problem' issued by the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), New Delhi, which deals with a variety of issues for conserving various forms of energy including diesel.

(b) No plan supported by a detailed study and cost-benefit analysis of the total package of measure mentioned in the Press Release has been prepared by TERI.

(c) to (e). Do not arise in view of the reply given to part. (b) above.

Decline in off-take of Air Cargo

608. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sharp decline in off-take of air cargo from all national airports in the country as well as fall in passenger traffic;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of loss incurred by Indian Airlines so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHANDHAWAN): (a) and (b). Cargo and passenger traffic on Indian Airlines domestic network, declined by 17% and 22% respectively during the period April-December, 1990, as compared to the same period in 1989 because of the lowering of capacity due to returning of leased B-737 aircraft and suspension of A-320 services.

(c) Indian Airlines has suffered a loss of Rs. 65.20 crores during the period April to January 1991.

Import of Oil From Iran

609. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iran has assured India for entire delivery of oil as contracted earlier;