Ratiam-Banswara Dungarpur Railway Line

5157. SHRI HEERA BHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a survey was conducted for construction of a railway line between Ratlam and Banswara;
 - (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken for construction of this line and linking it with Dungarpur?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). A survey for Ratlam-Banswara line with extension to Dungarpur was conducted in 1976-77. The project was not found justified on the basis of likely traffic prospects.

(c) There is at present no proposal to take up construction of this line.

[English]

Production, Requirement and Import of Caffeine

5158. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHER-JEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of caffeine during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the estimated requirement of caffeine by the pharmaceutical industries during that period; and
- (c) the quantum of synthetic caffeine imported during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURU-PADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Production in the organised sector during the last three years along with demand estimated by the working group on the 7th five year plan are given below:—

| Year | Production (MT) | Demand estimated | |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 1 986- 87 | 15.25 | 120 | |
| 1987-88 | 7.36 | 130 | |
| 1988-8 9 | 27.32 | 135 | |

(c) Import of individual drugs is not being monitored by this Department.

[Translation]

Oll Refinery in Ghazipur District

5159. SHRI JAGDISH SINGH KUSH-WAHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to establish an oil refinery in Ghazipur district, an area falling between Mathura and Barauni refineries;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to conduct a survey in this regard; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURU-PADASWAMY): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The location of a refinery is decided on the basis of various techno-economic considerations, which include availability of crude oil. demand supply balance of products in the area etc. Ghazipur district is neither located in an oil producing area nor is a port location. It does not have a locational advantage from the point of view of distribution of petroleum products.

LPG agencies in Rajasthan

5160. SHRI NATHU SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies in various towns of Rajasthan at present and

the number of consumers registered with each agency;

- (b) whether Government propose to open more LPG agencies during 1990-91;
 and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURU-PADASWAMY): (a) The required information is given below in the statement-I.

(b) and (c). 52 distributorships, as per statement-II are proposed to be set up. However, in view of the various steps proceeding commissioning of a distributorship, it is not possible to indicate how many of these will be commissioned during the year 1990-91.

STATEMENT-I

| SI. No. | Name of the Distributor | Location | Customer Holding |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| NDIAN | OIL CORPORATION LIMITED: | | |
| 1. | Jaipur Gas Service | Jaipur | 12 82 5 |
| 2. | Navin Gas Service | Jaipur | 6130 |
| 3. | Pandit Gas Service | Jaipur | 8064 |
| 4. | Rajendra Gas Service | Jaipur | 7307 |
| 5. | Shanti Gas Service | Jaipur | 7824 |
| 6. | R.R.S.K.V.S. Ltd. | Jaipur | 10268 |
| 7. | Kavita Enterprises | Jaipur | 2659 |
| 8. | Mani Enterprises | Jaipur | 2805 |
| 9. | Tej Enterprises | Jaipur | 11239 |