

[*Translation*]

LPG Agencies in Hilly Areas of U.P.

1565. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI M. S. PAL:

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

(a) whether the Government propose to allot new LPG agencies in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) All major towns in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh have been covered for marketing of LPG by Garhwal Vikas Mandal Nigam and Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam. LPG is introduced in small and non-viable towns of these areas through the extension points. Since new enrolment is limited on account of product shortage, it is not possible to indicate, at present, where such extension points would be opened.

[*English*]

Supply of Kerosene and Diesel to Punjab

1566 SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of diesel and kerosene has been decreased in Punjab.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the quota of these products to Punjab, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the demand made by the Punjab Government for diesel and kerosene and of supply of the same by the Union Government during the last one year month-wise and commodity-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) HSD supplies to retail outlets throughout the country are presently being made at the same level as in the corresponding period of the previous year. SKO allocation to all States/UTs continue to be made by providing some growth over the corresponding period of the previous year, depending on availability of foreign exchange for import of SKO.

Supply of HSD and SKO to Punjab are proposed to be made in line with the present policy.

(d) Additional demands for HSD have been received from Punjab Government from time to time. Details of month-wise supply of SKO and HSD to Punjab during the last one year are given in the attached Statement.

Special releases of 40,000 MT HSD in November, 1990 and 4100 MT HSD in February, 1991 have been made for Punjab, primarily for the agriculture sector.