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LPG Agencies in Hilly Areas of U.P.

1565. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
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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.

STATEMENT

Month-wise Sales of SKO/HSD in Punjab during January—December, 1990

<i>Month</i>	<i>SKO</i>	<i>HSD</i>
January, 1990	28395	119000
February	28742	94000
March	27139	77614
April	25796	103666
May	25326	144425
June	26160	132673
July	30371	81177
August	37590	113562
September	26259	61737
October	27477	102558
November	26780	115312
December (Prov.)	26569	93377

Passenger amenities in North bound Trains

capacity on B.G. coaches from 1,272 litres to 1,820 litres etc.

1567. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger amenities available in the North bound trains need improvement; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) Amenities as per existing norms have been provided in the north bound trains. Upgradation and improvement of facilities/amenities for the passengers is a continuous process. Some of the additional facilities provided in trains in the recent past include provision of cushions in Second Class sleeper coaches, water coolers in some trains as a trial measure, bed rolls in AC sleeper coaches, Train Superintendents in some superfast trains, mobile train cleaning staff in selected trains, increase in water tank

Railway Stations in Punjab

1568. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway stations on Northern Railway particularly in Punjab renovated/rebuilt during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent thereon, station-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to renovate/rebuilt more railway stations in Punjab during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Renovation/rebuilding of stations is continuous process and works in this regard are taken up on age-cum-condition basis, subject to availability