

(b) None so far either from the panel or from Vayudoot.

(c) As stated above, the panel report has not been processed.

(d) Government has directed the airline to consider selection of suitable employees from Vayudoot.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

LPG Agencies and Petrol/Diesel Retail outlets in Bihar

4533. SHRI BHOGENBRA JHA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the agencies of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies are likely to be opened at Jale and Bhavada in Darbhanga district and at Benipatti, Jainagar and Jhanjharpur of Madhubani district;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Sufficient potential has not been established at these locations for opening a viable retail outlet dealership or an LPG distributorship at present.

Prices of Petrol and Diesel

4534. SHRI S. N. VEKARIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the existing rates of petrol and diesel in major cities of the country

and the reasons for differences in the prices;

(b) whether the rates of petrol and diesel are highest in Gujarat, particularly, in Rajkot; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to bring uniformity in these rates?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Prices of Petrol and Diesel in four major cities are given in the Statement enclosed. Price of Petrol at Rajkot is amongst the highest. Prices vary because of freight, local levies etc. Prices are uniform ex-storage point.

STATEMENT

Retail selling prices of petrol and diesel in four Major cities.

| | Rs./litre | |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Petrol (MS 87) | Diesel (HSD) |
| Bombay | 16.40 | 5.62 |
| Calcutta | 15.18 | 5.21 |
| Delhi | 14.62 | 5.05 |
| Madras | 16.53 | 5.42 |

[English]

Manufacture of EMU Rakes

4535. SHRI B. RAJA RAVI VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture and supply more EMU rakes to Madras to cater to the growing suburban traffic there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?