

Import of Crude Oil and petroleum Products

1850. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of crude and certain petroleum products which the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has to import during the remaining period of the current financial year;

(b) the estimated cost in terms of foreign exchange and Indian equivalent rupees, and

(c) how it proposed to raise funds for footing the import bill?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) to (c). Government have approved the import of 26.66 MMT of crude oil and upto 10.6 MMT of Middle Distillates within a ceiling of US \$ 5.1 billion and about 1.32 MMT of other petroleum products. As against this about 17.4 MMT of crude oil and 5.6 MMT of petroleum products at a value of about Rs. 9,500 crores have been imported during April- October, 1992. Balance requirement will be raised in the open market.

Foodgrain Production

1851. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agricultural production in the country has not kept pace with increase in population;

(b) if so, the strategies proposed to be adopted to increase the agricultural production so that the growing demand of agricul-

tural production can be met with the increase in population; and

(c) the steps taken to implement those strategies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). In order to further raise the agricultural production to meet the growing demand for increasing population, besides price and market support, the Government is implementing various thrust programmes for increasing the foodgrains production, viz., Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SEPP)- Wheat, Maize & Millets and Pulses; Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRDD); and National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) including Mini Kiti programme under these schemes. The other crop specific programmes (OPP); Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) and Special Jute Development Programme. The programmes have also been taken up for increasing production of horticultural crops, fisheries as also livestock and dairy products.

Bomb Blasts in Delhi

1852. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bomb blast incidents reported from Delhi during the last three months;

(b) the number of persons killed;

(c) whether any arrest has been made