

early disposal of these infectious wastes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Central Government hospital have not reported any such problem.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The facilities of waste disposal are being upgraded/repared wherever necessary.

Bombay High Products

571. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost break-up of the Bombay High products; and

(b) the cost difference of Bombay High products and import of similar products from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) The average cost of production of crude oil (including statutory levies) from Bombay High during 1991-92 was about Rs. 2142 per tonne.

(b) The average imported cost of crude oil during 1991=92 was about Rs. 3260 per tonne.

Development of New Fuel 'Ciloke'

572. PROF. RITA VERMA:
SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has developed a new domestic fuel known as 'Cilcoke';

(b) whether the Government propose to sell it at cheaper rates in the rural areas; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to popularise the new the fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA)

(a) a low temperature coal carbonisation plant has been set up at Dankuni near Calcutta which produces CILCOKE. This coke is smokeless and is an ideal fuel for domestic use.

(b) According to Coal India Ltd. on an average calorific value of CILCOKE is much higher than that of the soft coke. There is no proposal to sell it at cheaper rates in the rural areas.

(c) Efforts are being made to persuade the State Governments to come forward and popularise us of CILOKE for domestic consumption. Vigorous commercial drive is also being made for popularising its use in industrial, commercial and domestic sectors in preference to other conventional solid fuels.

Protection to Journalists

573. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any instructions to the State Governments urging them to ensure safety of journalists on outdoor duties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is