

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). Doordarshan Kendra, Sambalpur is a transmitting centre (not a relay station) set up under the SITE on-going scheme. Programmes for this Centre are recorded at the Base Production Unit at Cuttack and sent to Sambalpur for telecast. For the production of programmes with local content, mobile film and video units have been provided at Sambalpur. Due to constraint on resources, it has not been possible to set up a Doordarshan Studio there.

#### Agreement with Iraq for supply of crude oil

6844. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq has any agreement with India since 1973 or thereafter to supply crude oil to India;

(b) the quantity of oil supplied by Iraq since 1973 annually;

(c) the quantity agreed to be supplied by Iraq in 1980 and thereafter annually; and

(d) whether Iraq is the biggest oil supplier to India and the respective quantities to be supplied to India by other countries during 1980?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Government has no running agreement with Iraq for supply of crude oil to India. Contracts with Iraq are entered into by Indian Oil Corporation on calendar year basis.

(b) The quantity of crude oil supplied by Iraq since 1973 is as follows:

Year	Quantity in million MTs.
1973 . . . . .	0.85
1974 . . . . .	2.79
1975 . . . . .	2.91
1976 . . . . .	2.08
1977 . . . . .	2.80
1978 . . . . .	4.76
1979 . . . . .	5.79

(c) and (d). No agreement has been so far entered into with Iraq for supply of crude oil beyond 1980. It would not be in the public interest to disclose any further details.

#### Utilisation of Alcohol for Cars and Buses to save Petrol

6845. SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any plans or projects to initiate, encourage and utilise alcohol production for cars and buses to save petrol in view of the success in Brazil;

(b) if so, to what extent such projects are to be taken in cottage and small scale industries; and

(c) to what extent incentive and support propose to be given for promoting the use of alcohol operated engines?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c). The Ministry had set up an Inter-Departmental Committee to examine the use of alcohol as fuel in admixture with Motor Spirit (Petrol). The committee has submitted its Report and the feasibility of such admixture is being assessed.