

Raids on LPG Agencies and Godowns

1247. **SHRI RAMSAGAR (Saidpur):**
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Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of LPG agencies and their godowns were raided during the last six months for pilferage of gas and black marketing in cylinders;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them; and

(c) the number of complaints received against LPG agencies by various oil companies during the last six months about the behaviour or otherwise of the agency holders and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). During the period September, 1989-February, 1990, 25 LPG agencies/godowns were raided by the statutory authorities in different parts of the country. Depending upon the nature of the malpractice, cases have been lodged, wherever necessary, against the distributors

(c) During the said period, approximately 7,200 complaints were received by the oil companies against the LPG agencies about the misbehaviour or otherwise of the agency holders. All such complaints are investigated for taking appropriate action against the erring distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

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Conversion of Mhow-Varanasi and Mhow-Shahganj Rail Line

1248. **SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:** Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the conversion of Mhow-Varanasi metre gauge railway line in North-Eastern Railway will be completed;

(b) the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the amount made available for the purpose so far;

(c) whether there is any proposal to include Mhow-Shahganj railway line also in this project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The conversion of Mau-Varanasi MG to BG would be commissioned during 1990-91.

(b) Estimated cost of the conversion of Varanasi-Bhatni, entire section, into BG is Rs. 80.80 crores. Outlay expected upto end of 1989-90 is Rs. 58.86 crores. Outlay proposed for 1990-91 is Rs. 18.91 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments for on-going gauge conversion projects.

Allotment of LPG and Petroleum Products Dealerships to Unemployed Youth

1249. **SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:** Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for giving LPG agencies and dealerships for petroleum products to unemployed youth in rural areas;

(b) if so, when it is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) whether these agencies are pro-