

Formulations under price control

874. SHRI SHIKIHO SEMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of formulations out of the first 120 formulations referred in Operational Research Group (ORG) under price control;

(b) whether there is any proposal to bring under price control rest of the formulations as their sale is more than Rs. 50.00 lacs per year;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) to (d). The price control of drugs is on the basis of the criteria laid down by the Kelkar Committee and is based on the turnover the bulk drugs not on the turnover of formulations. The Standing Committee in the Ministry is reviewing the position in regard to the bulk drugs having turn over more than Rs. 50 lacs.

LPG Agencies in Kohima and Dimapur

875. SHRI SHIKIHO SEMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present LPG dealers in Kohima and Dimapur are unable to meet the demand for cooking gas;

(b) if so, whether any new proposals for granting LPG agencies in Kohima and Dimapur are under consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the district Headquarters in Nagaland where the Government propose to allot new LPG dealerships and the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) to (d). A market survey conducted in this area by the Oil Industry has established the need for opening one more LPG distributorship each at Kohima and Dimapur. In addition, one LPG distributorship at Dimapur is in the process of being commissioned.

[*Translation*]

Superfast Train Between Satna and Bhopal

876. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no daily train service between Satna and Bhopal as a result of which the people of Vindhya region face much difficulty in going to the State Capital;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce a daily superfast train between Satna and Bhopal; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) to (c). A three tier second class slip coach running by 1027/1028 Varanasi-Dadar Express/1657/1658 Parasai-Bhopal Panchvalley Fast Passenger provide a daily overnight service between Satna and Bhopal. 1171/1172 Indore-Howrah bi-weekly Shipra Express also connect Satna directly with Bhopal. At present there is no proposal to introduce any additional train in this section.