

able, Indian Airlines will consider re-introduction of services between Delhi and Visakhapatnam.

Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies

4228. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the details of retail outlets for petrol and diesel and LPG agen-

cies sanctioned during the past three years and the current year upto 28th February, 1990 State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): The number of retail outlets (R.O.) (Petrol/Diesel) and LPG distributorships sanctioned (Letters of Intent issued) during the past three years and the current year upto 28th February, 1990 is given below:

	R.O.	L.P.G.
1986-87	411	283
1987-88	392	170
1988-89	355	312
1989-90 (upto Feb. 28, 1990)	239	156

The effort involved in compiling the above information yearwise. Statewise and companywise will not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be served.

Commission by I.D.P.L. for Hospital Supplies

4229. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Allows commission to middlemen for hospital supplies and to chemists by way of bonus etc;

(b) if so, the categories of such commissions; and

(c) the extent of such commissions given

in 1989 and till the end of February, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). IDPL has been having agents for its institutional sales. It has reported that it does not deal with retail chemists. It only announces occasionally bonus to wholesale chemists and stockists on selected products in keeping with the practice in the pharmaceutical industry to match the market conditions or when new products are introduced.

(c) The commission paid by IDPL to the institutional agents during 1988-89 is of the order of Rs. 23.45 lakhs. The Commission payable during 1989-90 could be calculated only after the end of the financial year as most of the institutional business matures in the month of March.