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**Petrol pumps in Haryana**

4275. SHRIKAPIL DEV SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of petrol and diesel pumps in Haryana and the number thereof in rural areas, separately;

(b) the number of new licences for petrol and diesel pumps proposed to be issued for rural areas on priority basis;

(c) whether preference is given to the rural educated unemployed youths in the allotment therefor;

(d) the total number of allotments being issued in the country and the number thereof in Haryana;

(e) the rules and regulations and the terms and conditions for giving allotments; and

(f) whether any relaxation is proposed to be given to the rural educated unemployed youths in allotting the petrol and diesel pumps?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As on 28.2.1990, the total number of retail outlets (Petrol/Diesel) operating in the States of Haryana were 476, out of which 159 retail outlets (Petrol/Diesel) are in the rural areas.

(b) Oil Companies have planned to allot 14 more retail outlets (Petrol/Diesel) in rural areas of Haryana.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such scheme at present.

(d) Out of 494 Letters of Intent proposed to be issued, twenty pertain to the Haryana State.

(e) The oil companies invite applications for allotment of dealerships/distributorships in leading newspapers, giving details of the location, category, terms and conditions. Applications received in response thereto are considered by an independent Oil Selection Board headed by a retired High Court Judge. Allotments (issue of Letter of Intent) are subsequently made by the oil company to the candidates selected by the Oil Selection Board.

(f) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government at present.

**Modernisation of National Newsprint and Paper Mills Limited**

4276. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for modernisation of the National Newsprint and Paper Mills Limited is under consideration of Union Government; and

(b) if so, the number of additional persons likely to be provided employment in the Mill after its expansion and modernisation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) NEPA Limited has completed Phase I of its renovation, modernisation and expansion scheme in October, 1989 to increase its capacity to 88,000 Ton per annum.

(b) The above scheme does not envisage additional employment in the Mill.