

(b) to (d). The area is covered under the District Industries Centre Programme launched on 1st May, 1978 for promotion of small tiny, village and cottage industries. Under this Programme all possible facilities pertaining to registration, finance, raw materials etc. are provided under 'Single Roof' as far as practicable at pre-investment, investment and post-investment stages.

[English]

**Participation of N.R.I. in I.E.L.'s Fertilizer Project**

2319. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Explosives Limited's fertilizer project is likely to have Non-resident Indians (NRI) participation

(b) whether the NRI participation is one of the several alternatives being examined by the IEL to finance the massive gas-based fertilizer project it proposes to set up;

(c) if so, the extent of NRI participation envisaged; and

(d) the countries which are in view for tapping NRI participation ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (d). M/s. Indian Explosives Ltd. (IEL) are not implementing any gas-based fertilizer project at present. However, they have applied for allocation of a gas-based fertilizer project. Details regarding Non-resident Indian (NRI) participation, if any, will no doubt be furnished by IEL once a final decision is taken in the matter.

**Shortage of Diesel in Kota (Rajasthan)**

2320. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of diesel in Kota, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to provide more quota of diesel to Kota and Bundi districts which are agricultural areas of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d) No report regarding shortage of diesel in Kota (Rajasthan) have been received. Diesel is available on free sale basis and no formal allocation of this product is made to States. The Oil Companies have instructions to meet the full demand of diesel.

**Opening of Petrol Pump at Kota Railway Station**

2321. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have received any representation for opening a petrol pump at Kota Railway Station from people of that area ;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action there on so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which Government propose to open a petrol pump there; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d). Based on the feasibility studies conducted from time to time and taking into consideration the existing volume-distance norms, there is presently no proposal to develop any retail outlet (petrol/diesel pump) at Kota Railway Station.

**Expansion of Cooking Gas Agencies Network in Rajasthan**

2322. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to expand the cooking gas agencies network in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the names of the places proposed to be allotted new gas agencies;

(c) the number of these places in rural areas and the number of urban areas;

(d) the extent of population of Rajasthan to be benefited with the allotment of these agencies; and

(e) the names of the oil companies under which these gas agencies are proposed to be allotted and by what time ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The locations which are already included in the Marketing Plans of the oil industry for award of LPG distributorships are at different stages of selection/commissioning. They are given as in the Statement attached.

(c) Locations for opening of LPG distributorships are decided upon on the basis of sale potential and economic viability and not with reference to classification between urban and rural.

(d) Considering that about 5,000 families make for an economically viable LPG distributorship, the number of families to benefit from the distributorships at the 33 locations (for 51 distributorships) given in the Annexure is not likely to be less than 2,50,000.

(e) Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation will be allotting the distributorships concerned as and when the selections are completed by the Oil Selection Board.

#### Statement

1. Barmer
2. Abu Road
3. Hanumangarh
4. Kota (3 locations)
5. Hindaun
6. Ajmer (6 locations)
7. Ladnu
8. Gangapur
9. Ratnagarh
10. Nawalgarh
11. Karauli

12. Jaipur (9 locations)
13. Lachmangarh
14. Rajgarh
15. Dungargarh
16. Jodhpur (4 locations)
17. Balotra
18. Sardarshahr
19. Dausa
20. Alwar
21. Suratgarh
22. Bhilwara
23. Nimbahera
24. Deeg
25. Beawar
26. Chomu
27. Jhalrapatan
28. Udaipur
29. Bharatpur
30. Sawai Madhopur
31. Ramgarh
32. Nokha and
33. Chiwara

51 distributorships

#### Representation from M/s. I. G. P. Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Madras

2323. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from M/s. I.G.P. Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Madras not to sanction any industrial licence to manufacture industrial Gaskets to multi-national monopoly company, M/s. Hindustan Ferodo Ltd., Bombay as this new company will depress the legitimate right of the small scale industrial units; and

(b) action taken by Government in this regard ?