

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	TAMIL NADU Coimbatore, Madras, Trichy and any other towns which State Govt. may like to cover.	2000	—	—	2000
6.	ANDHRA PRADESH Hyderabad, Vizag. Warrangal and any other towns which State Govt. may like to cover.	2000	—	—	2000
7.	KARNATAKA Bangalore, Mangalore and any other towns which State Govt. may like to cover.	1000	—	—	1000
8.	KERALA Calicut, Cochin, Trivandrum and any other towns which State Govt. may like to cover.	1000	—	—	1000
9.	UTTAR PRADESH KAVAL towns and for other towns State Govt. may like to cover.	700	—	—	700
10.	RAJASTHAN Jaipur and any other towns which State Govt. may like to cover.	100	—	—	100
11.	ORISSA Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and any other towns which State Govt. may like to cover.	50	—	—	50
12.	HARYANA (Faridabad)	200	—	—	200
13.	DELHI	450	—	300	750
14.	CHANDIGARH ADMN.	10	—	—	10
15.	PUNJAB	50	—	—	50
16.	SIKKIM	—	—	30	30
Total		13,080	—	1,830	14,910

[Translation]

Supply of Mini LPG Cylinders

144. SHRI PARASRAM BHARD-  
WAJ : Will the Minister of PETRO-  
LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be  
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any  
scheme to provide mini LPG cylinders in  
the country, especially in the rural areas;  
and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b) While at some locations test marketing of LPG in smaller cylinders is being done by the oil industry, no decision has been taken to generally supply LPG in such cylinders in the country including the rural areas.

[English]

**Reduction in subsidies on Foodgrains**

145. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering reduction of the existing subsidies of foodgrains sold through Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Import Bill of Crude and Petroleum Products**

146. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE :  
SHRI MURLI DEORA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of crude to be imported by Government during 1987-88 and how is this related to indigenous production?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a whopping increase of over Rs. 1,300 crores is likely in the import bill of crude and petroleum products during the coming year; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) to (c) The crude import Plan for 1987-88 has not yet been finalised and therefore it is not possible to indicate the size of the import bill during the year.

**Postal Facilities in Rural Areas**

147. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Savor Committee has given a very disappointing picture of postal facilities in rural areas; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) No Sir. On the contrary the Committee has observed that the development of postal services in rural areas achieved since the launching of the First Five Year Plan is unmatched anywhere in the world and has commended the "Considerable thought and painstaking efforts invested in the process".

However, the Committee has felt that the expansion of the services has proceeded on a scale larger than what was contemplated by the planners and, to an extent, the rules and instructions on the subject also appear to have been overlooked. The Committee has therefore recommended certain measures of rationalisation/re-organisation in order to optimise the utilisation of resources committed to rural services. These include the following :

(1) Lesser number of individuals should be employed by combining functions of different descriptions in the same individual.

(2) Branch Offices which do not satisfy the condition