

The time and effort involved in the compilation of details of these complaints will not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

(c) The number of complaints received during the year 1987 alleging violation of injunction orders issued is three. Necessary action as per the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969 has already been taken. No separate figures are maintained in regard to complaints alleging discrimination between dealers.

(d) Figures of 1987 mentioned in Part (a) show a manifold increase over the previous three years. The number of complaints involving violation of injunction orders received during the year 1987 was three as against one during the previous three years.

Price of Petrol

3222. PROF. MADHU DANAVATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent increase in the price of petrol by Rupee one per litre was introduced at a time when the international price of petrol were declining and new sources of oil were explored in the country;

(b) if so, what were the international prices of petrol when the recent hike in the price of petrol was introduced and the details of the new sources of oil explored in the country; and

(c) the reasons for increase in the price of petrol under these conditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

(a) to (c). Under the administered pricing policy for Petroleum products, the prices of petroleum products are not generally revised with international prices. The increase in the price of petrol was done to curb the rapid growth rate in its consumption noticed in the last two quarters, and to promote its efficient and economic use. The current price for unleaded motor gasoline in prominent international markets is of the order of \$ 155 per MT excluding freight and duties.

Hydrocarbons have been discovered in the following places during the period April 1987-January 1988 but they are yet to be commercially exploited for use.

On-Land:-

Agartala Dome (Tripura)

Bhuvanagiri (Tamil Nadu)

Borbil (Assam)

Diroi (Assam)

Hapjan (Assam)

Kumchai (Arunachal Pradesh)

Becharaji (Gujarat)

Offshore:-

B 132 (West Coast)

B 134 "

B 80 "

C 22 "

C 24 "

G S-16 (East Coast)