

(a) whether he has taken up the matter with the Railway Ministry as also with the Planning Commission for a higher allocation specially for the procurement of wagons ; and

(b) if so, result achieved so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Railways have stated that within the funds that are made available to them, the interests of the wagon industry will be looked after to the maximum extent possible.

Allotment of LPG Dealership in Dwarka and Khambhallia

4109. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether an advertisement for allotment of LPG dealership in Dwarka and Khambhallia of Saurashtra region was issued for the first time on 21 April, 1984 ;

(b) if so, whether no progress whatsoever has been made to make LPG available to the people of the above mentioned cities since then ; and

(c) the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHAKMA) : (a) to (c) The first advertisement for IOC's dealerships at Dwarka and Khambhallia was issued on January 21, 1984. A letter of intent for the dealership at Dwarka was issued in March, 1985 and it is expected to be commissioned shortly. Selection of a dealer for the Khambhallia dealership is expected to be made soon by Oil Section Board (West),

Reorganisation of Army Regiments

4110. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to reorganise the Army Regiments so that people of all communities and regions are mixed together ; and

(b) whether this will result in the cancellation of the present Regiments which are in the names of regions and communities ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b) After Independence it has been the considered policy of the Government not to raise any regiment based on caste, creed, religion etc. The existing regiments which are based on such considerations are of pre-independence era and their names are being retained for historical and traditional reasons. The reorganisation of the Army, however, is a regular on-going function of the Government.

Projects to manufacture small Car

4111. SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the small car projects currently functioning ;

(b) how many such projects have been newly sanctioned and their stages of implementation ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to improve the quality of indigenously manufactured automobiles and control their sale price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) M/s. Maruti Udyog Limited and Sipani Automobiles Ltd. manufacture small cars.

(b) No new small car project has been sanctioned during the last 2 years.

(c) The Govt. are encouraging automobile units to upgrade technology through indigenous R and D as well is selective import of know-how. Adequate manufacturing capacity has been sanctioned and it is expected that competitive situation now generating in the industry will help stabilise automobile prices.