

Import of LPG Cylinders

4112. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI :
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RAO : Will the Minister of
PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the production of LPG in the country ;

(b) if so, the total demand during 1985-86 and the total availability of LPG during the period ;

(c) whether Government are proposing to resort to importing gas cylinders during 1985-86 ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and foreign exchange element involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) LPG production in the country is being increased every year in a planned and phased manner.

(b) The indigenous availability of 11.88 lakh MT will be supplemented by import of approximately 60,000 MT LPG to meet the estimated demand of 12.50 lakh MT in 1985-86.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

More 'no industry' districts

4113. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to declare some more districts as "no industry" districts in each State during 1985-86 ; and

(b) the criteria for declaring the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) The present scheme is valid till 31.3.86. The question of revising the scheme has been

referred to an Inter-Ministerial Committee, which is expected to give its report by 31.12.1985.

Postal Services in Disarray

4114. DR. G. S. RAJHANS :
SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Postal Services in Disarray" appearing in the Sunday 'Indian Nation' Published from Patna, Bihar dated 21 July, 1985 ;

(b) whether Government are aware that the bags containing letters/parcels etc. are piling up and lying unsorted at Patna ;

(c) whether Union Government propose to make a thorough investigation in this matter ; and

(d) if so, by when and what further measures Government propose to adopt to clear the unsorted mail bags piling at Patna ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is not a fact. The bags shown in the photograph in the newspaper report contained empty sack bags which are despatched daily to various offices for meeting their operational requirements.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

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4115. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the annual requirements of LPG cylinders in the country ;

(b) the annual production of LPG cylinders ;

(c) whether the production of LPG cylinders is very slow and not coping with the requirement ;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to produce more LPG cylinders in the country ;

(e) whether there is any proposal to import LPG cylinders ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The Oil Industry's requirement of LPG cylinders during 1985-86 is estimated as 40 lakhs as against the installed annual capacity of 130 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Production of computerised machine tools during Seventh Plan

4116. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the funds provided during the Seventh Plan for machine tools industry ;

(b) the number of Indian firms to manufacture computerised numerically controlled machine tools :

(c) the production target of CNC machine tools for the year 1985-86 ; and

(d) whether the machine tools industry is set to face challenge from CNC machines for the modernisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Seventh Plan is still under formulation.

(b) Approvals have been given to 18 firms for manufacture of CNC Machine Tools.

(c) As per production programmes of existing CNC Machine "Tools manufacturers, the production for 1985-86 is estimated at 250 Nos.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Adulteration in Petrol

4117. SHRI K. N. PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of adulteration of petroleum with kerosene sent to Bombay-based laboratory of this Ministry from Madhya Pradesh during 1984-85 and the number of samples, out of them, in which adulteration has been proved, and

(b) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has given any suggestion for setting up a laboratory in Madhya Pradesh itself and if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) 98 samples of petroleum products were sent from Madhya Pradesh to Oil Companies Laboratories at Bombay during 1984-85. Out of these, 12 samples were found to be off-specifications.

(b) No, Sir.

Collaboration in the field of management consultancy

4118. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India is considering collaboration between India and some foreign countries in the field of management consultancy ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the names of foreign countries/companies which will be invited for joint ventures ; and

(d) the extent to which India will be the beneficiary ?