

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The Oil Coordination Committee (OCC) was set up by a Resolution of the Central Government dated 14-7-1975, pursuant to a recommendation made by the Oil Prices Committee. It is an Oil industry committee consisting of the Chief Executives of the oil companies with Secretary, Department of Petroleum as ex-officio Chairman.

(b) The officers/staff have been mainly drawn from the oil industry/Government although a few posts in the staff category have been directly filled in from out of candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange and those manning such positions are on a purely temporary basis. The service conditions as in force in Indian Oil Corporation (Marketing Division) have been adopted.

(c) As provided in the Government Resolution of 14-7-1975 setting up OCC, the expenditure on this organisation is met from the Cost and Freight Adjustment Account which is one of the accounts maintained by the oil industry as required under the pricing arrangement.

(d) The total expenditure incurred on OCC from 14-7-1975 to 31-3-1979 is Rs. 113,35,835.

Price Rise of Bars and Iron Rods used in Construction

10034. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL: CHAUDHUR BRAHM-PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rise in the price of iron rods and bars for used construction purposes;

(b) if so, the reasons for this rise in price;

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to reduce the price of steel bars and rods used for construction purposes;

(d) whether there is any proposal to ban the export of this item; and

(e) whether it is also proposed to allot steel bars to persons building houses at reasonable rates on production of approved building plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Partly due to low availability of this material from the main producers and partly due to heavy pick up in demand as a result of intensification in construction activities both in the public and private sector.

(c) to (e) Government have taken steps to improve the availability of bars and rods. Import of sufficient quantities of bars and rods are being arranged on a crash basis. Export of semis, bars and rods has been totally banned. Distribution procedures have been streamlined and to meet the requirements of the small house builders, Committees will be set up at all the branches of the producers' stockyard for supplying the material at the producers' stockyard prices. As a measure of immediate help, 50,000 tonnes of bars and rods have been ear-marked for supply to house builders. As a result of all these measures the prices have already started coming down. Full impact of these measures will, however, be felt in the next few months and it is expected that the market prices will come down further.

मध्य प्रदेश में सहबोल सिमेंट की कीमतों का जान संघों से मांग-पत्र

10035. श्री प्रमुना प्रताप शास्त्री :
क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में झरगुला और सहबोल सिमेंटों में क्रमशः अक्टूबर-दशा, द्वापर-दश, विजुली कोइल माइन सर्विस बुनिशन नवम्बर और दिसम्बर, 1978 में जान प्रबन्धकों को अनेक मांग-पत्र दिए थे और द्वापरदश