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Jan. 1980	7th	450		430 (8th)	430	442	437	465
	14th	445		440	420	422	417	410
	22nd	443		430	445 (19th)	427	424	420
	30th	452		435	470	485	480	470
Feb. 1980	7th	490		480	500	528	525	518 (8th)
	15th	530		490	525 (12th)	585	580	555
	22nd	585		598	580	640	637	665
	29th	585		590 (27th)	690	648	642	645
Mar. 1980	7th	578		570 (1st)	590 (4th)	575	570	615 (5th)

Reconsideration of Present System of Distribution of L.P. Gas

823. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to reconsider the present system of distribution of L.P.G. through private companies or individuals;

(b) whether the complaints regarding maldistribution of LPG through these agencies has any bearing on the reconsideration of the present policy of distribution;

(c) whether Government propose to hand over the entire distribution to consumers' cooperatives; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) There is no proposal at present to reconsider the present system of L.P.G. distribution, as the existing system is by and large working satisfactorily.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Deterioration in Tele-communication Service

824. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware from the complaints and the Press reports like the Special Edition of the Illustrated Weekly of India (February, 1980) about the steep deterioration in the working of tele-communications services especially telephones in India;

(b) if so, whether the Government would order a high level enquiry to examine the matter in detail to save the system from collapse;

(c) the likely date by which the enquiry would be ordered; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to tone up the functioning of the telecommunications services?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) The department has noticed a certain measure of deterioration in certain exchanges during the past three years. The source of information is the