

be followed by termination of dealership.

Commission for L.P. Gas retail distributors

4340. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the commission fixed for the L.P.G. retail distributors by Government and the basis on which the same was fixed and when;

(b) is there any representation from the LPG distributors for revision of commission on percentage basis;

(c) if so, the action taken;

(d) whether the consumer service of LPG is deteriorating due to dwindling returns and increasing operational costs of the LPG distributors; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the service to the LPG consumers by providing reasonable returns to the LPG Distributors?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The LPG distributors' commission at Rs. 3.37 per cylinder was fixed by the Government effective from 1st August, 1972 based on the recommendations of the Shanti Lal Shah Committee Report. The distributors appointed by the Oil Companies get a commission of Rs. 3.37 per cylinder. However, the sub-agents appointed by the main distributors get a different rate of commission.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have initiated a dialogue with the dealers organisation.

(d) No, Sir. No such report has come to the notice of the Government.

(e) Same as (c) above.

Utilisation of a transmitter lying at Visakhapatnam

4341. SHRI R. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of INFOR-

MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 10 K.W. transmitter is lying idle at Visakhapatnam and used as a stand-by to 100 K.M. transmitter; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to use it for entertaining programme like Vividh Bharati or Youth Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). The 10 K. W. transmitter which was operating at AIR Visakhapatnam before commissioning of the 100 K.W. transmitter has been retained there as a stand by. It would not be feasible to use this transmitter for any new regular programme because it has outlived its useful life.

A.I.R. Station at Hyderabad

4342. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the A.I.R. station at Hyderabad is very old and it need to be replaced by modern equipment and a modern studio complex; and

(b) steps taken to construct a new building as per the modern requirements for the A.I.R. Station at Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Hyderabad Radio Station was taken over by AIR in 1950. Proper studios were constructed in 1957, and a number of improvements have since been brought about. Equipment requiring replacement/addition is being replaced/added from time to time. Most of the equipment available at the Station does not need immediate replacement.

There is a proposal to construct a new office building at AIR Hyderabad. However, there is no proposal at present to construct a new studio building.