

### Money spent on Advertisements by Government

310. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the amount of the money spent by Government of India on advertisements account for the last five years, (year-wise); and

(b) what are the modes of Government expenditure on advertisement, item-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD JOSHI): (a) Details of advertisements released by Directorate of Advertising and visual Publicity to newspapers and periodicals during the last 5 years are as under:—

Statement

YEAR	AMOUNT
	Rs.
1975-76	2,20,68,897
1976-77	2,35,86,622
1977-78	2,34,21,669
1978-79	2,99,17,820
1979-80	2,83,31,408

(b) D.A.V.P. advertisements are released as Display and Classified advertisements details of which are given below.—

YEAR	DISPLAY	CLASSIFIED
	Rs.	Rs.
1975-76	1,09,35,726	1,11,33,171
1976-77	1,15,97,018	1,19,89,604
1977-78	85,84,182	1,48,37,487
1978-79	94,45,557	2,04,72,263
1979-80	78,49,495	2,04,81,913

### Rise in Price of Crude Oil due to Middle East War

311. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to Middle East War, the prices of crude oil have risen sharply in the OPEC countries; and

(b) how Government proposes to check further escalation of prices of petroleum products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). No Sir, Official prices of crude have not increased after the start of the Iraq-Iran conflict except in the cases of UAE. But spot prices of crude have increased after the start of the conflict. Government is watching the situation carefully.

### Import of Crude

312. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH: SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the quantity of crude (with value) imported by Government to meet the gap between the demand and supply during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): The quantity and value of crude oil imported during the last 3 years has been of the following order:—

Year	Qty. (million tonnes)	Value Rs./ (crores)
1977-78	14.5	1246.2
1978-79	14.7	1251.2
1979-80	16.1*	2186.9*

\*Provisional.