

State-wise demand of Petroleum Products

759. SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of kerosene, diesel and other petroleum products of each State, with State-wise and product-wise details;

(b) allocation made by the Central Government to the States during the last three years, with State-wise, Year wise, production details;

(c) quantities actually supplied to States during the above mentioned period;

(d) is there any shortfall between allocation and actual supply;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(f) steps to be taken by Government so that no State should suffer due to less supply with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (f). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Setting up Oil Refinery in Tamil Nadu

760. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any step to find out the feasibility of setting up an oil refinery in Vedaranyam, Tamilnadu; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBAIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Since the commercial potential of the crude oil find in the Cauvery basin has still to be assessed, the question of initiating any feasibility study does not arise, at this stage.

Amount paid to news agencies in India and abroad

761. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether A.I.R. pays any amount to any news agency in India and abroad;

(b) if so, the details of the news agencies in India and abroad and the amount paid to each agency during the last two years; and

(c) whether any news agency has been added or deleted during those years, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). All India Radio is subscribing to four News Agencies in India only. The details and the amount paid annually to each News Agency during the last two years are given below:—

	1980-81 Rs.
PTI	34,18,800
UNI	25,47,600
Hindustan Samachar	5,25,360
Samachar Bharati	4,63,200
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(c) No, Sir.

Installation of Telephone Exchanges in Sundarbans area of West Bengal

762. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the installation of telephone Exchanges or