

(c) whether the Jammu region promised any bright future for oil drilling would depend on the results of the well now under drilling.

Security Deposit by Customers for Supply of Indane Gas

1786. SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount required to be deposited as security by the customers for the supply of Indane gas ;

(b) the approximate total amount lying with the suppliers on account of such deposit ;

(c) if interest is paid to the depositors, the rate of interest and if not, the reasons for non-payment ;

(d) whether the interest accruing to the suppliers on this account is reckoned for the purpose of calculation of taxes ; and

(e) whether Government propose to ask the suppliers to accept the deposit in form of Savings Certificates ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SEITHI) :

(a) Presently a refundable deposit of Rs. 90/- per Cylinder and Rs. 10/- per Pressure Regulator is recovered from customers to whom these equipments are supplied on loan basis.

(b) As at end March 1971, IOC was holding a deposit amounting to Rs. 2,16,14,030/- against cylinders and pressure regulators loaned to customers.

(c) No interest is paid to the customers on deposits recovered from them. Apart from one cylinder, which remains permanently with the customer, provision has to be made to take care of the cylinders required as working/transit stock etc. Thus, per customer the Corporation has to make an investment of about Rs. 200/- against which a deposit of only Rs. 100/- is recovered from the customer. Since the equipment costing more than Rs. 100/- lies in possession of each customer, the question of paying any interest does not arise.

(d) Interest on the deposits recovered from the customers forms part the Corporation's income which is subject to tax, if otherwise taxable.

(e) No, Sir, in view of answer to part (c) of the question.

सोवियत वायु सेना के वायु सेनाध्यक्ष की यात्रा

1787. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :
श्री डी० बी० चन्द्र गौडा :
श्री वनमाली पटनायक :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सोवियत वायु सेना के मुख्य सेनापति ने अपने हाल के भारत के दौरे में उनके साथ दिल्ली में भारत की सुरक्षा को सुदृढ़ बनाने के संबंध में बातचीत की थी ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बातचीत के क्या परिणाम हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) और (ख). सोवियत वायुसेना के सेनाध्यक्ष सद्भावना यात्रा पर आए थे। उनसे पारस्परिक हित संबंधी विषयों पर चर्चा हुई थी।

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स द्वारा हवाई उड़ानों में विलम्ब

1788. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :
श्री विश्वनाथ झुनझुनवाला :

क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विलम्ब से विमानों के उड़ने की बुराई इण्डियन एयरलाइन्स में भी फैलने लगी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और