

Import of crude Oil in 1974

18. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE:

SHRI R. S. PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's programme for the import of crude oil for its various Refineries in the year 1974;

(b) the names of the countries from which crude oil will be imported and the share of each of these countries in this import;

(c) the likely prices that will be paid for this import to the various countries;

(d) whether it is a fact that private oil refineries are threatening Government with a cut back in their crude imports; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to counter this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KILAN): (a) and (b). Government at present envisage an import of about 16 million tonnes of crude oil—9.55 million tonnes from Iran, 2.80 million tonnes from Iraq and 3.85 million tonnes from Saudi Arabia.

(c) In view of the present uncertain conditions, it is too early to give any precise indication of the prices for the import of crude oil.

(d) and (e). With effect from 1st January, 1974 the price of crude oil has increased steeply. The main problem, therefore, is not of the availability of crude oil but of meeting the exorbitant cost. The oil companies have indicated that if their overall availability of crude oil was reduced, their imports into India would be affected. The situation, however, is

still fluid. Government are, however keeping a continuous watch on the situation.

Kerala's scheme regarding checking of floods in Kerala

19. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala have suggested any scheme to the Centre to check the floods in the State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Government of Kerala had formulated in 1963, a draft plan for flood control in the State at an estimated cost of Rs. 224 crores. The draft plan had been examined in the Central Water and Power Commission and the State Government had been requested to revise the plan taking into account the experience of floods subsequent to 1963. The revised plan has not yet been received from the State Government. Pending finalisation of the Plan, protection measures as considered necessary in the vulnerable areas, are being implemented as part of the State Plan.

भारत को रूस से पेट्रोल की सप्लाई

20. श्री जगदीशभाल मनी तिवारी : क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत को रूस से और अधिक पेट्रोल मिलने की सम्भावना है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो तत्सम्बन्धी प्रस्ताव की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं; और