

(b) if so their number and how were they selected, and

(c) reasons for such selections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) Yes

(b) and (c) 8 persons were selected by the General Manager under the powers vested in him. Relaxation of educational qualifications is within the General Manager's competence.

Memorandum regarding shortage of raw materials and drug-testing facilities

1796 SHRI DASARATHA DEB Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether the All India Manufacturers' Organisation West Bengal branch in a memorandum to the Committee appointed by Government explained the difficulties created by the shortage of raw material and finance and inadequate drug testing facilities, and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K R GANVESHI) (a) Yes Sir

(b) The memorandum is under examination of the Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry. The report of the Committee is expected to be submitted by February, 1975 and such action as may be necessary on the recommendations of the Committee in this regard will be taken by Government. Government has been taking suitable measures to avoid the shortages of raw materials etc.

Import of Crude Oil

4797 SHRI BISHWANARAYAN SHASTRI Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) the total quantity of crude oil imported from the oil producing countries during the period from 1st April, 1974 to 30th October 1974, the quantity of increase country-wise and the price paid or to be paid,

(b) the names of companies which are allowed to import and

(c) what is the estimated requirement of crude in a full year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C P MAJHI) (a) Required information is as under —

Q—Quantity in Million Tonnes
V—Value in Rs / Crores

Name of the country	April-October 1973		April-October 1974		Increase in Q
	Q	V	Q	V*	
Iran	5.41	87.07	4.14	271.47	-1.27
Saudi Arabia	2.11	35.86	2.47	147.23	+0.36
Iraq	0.57	10.40	1.78	123.28	+1.21
GRAND TOTAL	8.09	133.33	8.39	541.98	

* PROVISIONAL