

Supply of Soda Ash to industry

1086, SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO:
SHRI TUNA ORAON:

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

(a) whether there are difficulties in the supply of Soda Ash to the industry;

(b) if so, the nature of difficulties;

(c) whether there is any control on prices and distribution thereof; and

(d) if so, the broad outlines of the arrangement made so far for its distribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) and (b) Due to present production of soda ash being short of demand, some consumers are experiencing difficulties in obtaining their full requirements.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Train Accidents in Orissa during the last One Year

1087. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway accidents which took place in Orissa during the last one year;

(b) loss suffered by Government as a result of these accidents;

(c) total number of persons killed and injured; and

(d) the amount of compensation given to the deceased?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Information about train accidents is not compiled State-wise but Railway-wise. On the South Eastern Railway which serves Orissa State, there were 96 train accidents in the categories of collisions, derailments, level crossing accidents and fires in trains during the period November, 1973 to October, 1974.

(b) The cost of damage to railway property was estimated at approximately Rs. 50,32,225/-.

(c) In these accidents 17 persons were killed and 125 injured.

(d) No compensation has so far been paid to the dependents of the deceased.

Non-Availability of Diesel for Farmers in Orissa

1088, SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

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

(a) whether farmers of Orissa are facing difficulties due to non-availability of diesel;

(b) whether agricultural production has been affected directly due to this;

(c) if so, measures taken to provide diesel at Central rate to the farmers; and

(d) quantity of diesel supplied to Orissa during the last quarter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) There have been no reports of any shortage of diesel oil in Orissa in the recent past. In one instance there was a HSD dry out in one of the Caltex pumps and on a request from the State