

Reduction in Export of Kerosene Off due to the Planned Increase in Production of Cooking Gas by I.O.C.

1113. SHRI D. K. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation plans to increase the production of cooking gas from 70,000 to 90,000 tonnes per annum in the near future;

(b) whether this would mean reduction of imports of kerosene oil; and

(c) in view of this will it not put more strain on the availability of kerosene which is at present in short supply?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI): (a) IOC has drawn a plan to increase its LPG (Cooking gas) availability from the present estimated level of approximately 1,36,000 M. Tonnes per annum to about 3,12,000 M. Tonnes per annum by 1979-80.

(b) Increased use of LPG would effect saving in other domestic fuel. Its impact on kerosene demand and imports in particular cannot however be clearly assessed.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

New Type of Railway Wagons

1114. SHRI RAM SHEKHAR PRASAD SINGH:

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways had a successful trial of new type of rail wagons;

(b) if so, whether bulk of minerals would be transported with the introduction of these new wagons; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A new eight wheeled open BG wagon type BOY especially designed for transport of iron ore is undergoing service trials.

(b) On successful completion of the trials, wagons of the new type would be available for transport of iron ore in bulk on the Kirandul-Waltair section of South-Eastern Railway, suitable for heavy mineral traffic, mainly 22.9 tonnes axle load with mechanical handling arrangement at the unloading end.

(c) Salient features of the new type of wagons are:—

Overall length	•	11930 mm
Inside body height	•	1175 mm
Inside body width	•	2924 mm
Inside body length	•	10990 mm
Floor area	•	32.2 sq. metres
Volumetric capacity	•	37.8 cubic metres
Axle load	•	22.9 tonnes
Tare	•	20.6 tonnes
Pay load	•	71.0 tonnes
Grass load	•	91.6 tonnes

Accidents occurred at Railway crossing on Indian Railways

1116. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred at railway crossing during the last two months on the entire Indian Railways;

(b) the number of persons killed and disabled in these accidents; and