

Remittances made by M/s. Burmah Shell and Caltex

2013. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total remittances made by Messrs Burmah Shell and Caltex during 1973 and upto 31st October, 1974 under the (i) head office expenses (ii) service charges and (iii) royalty; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to minimise the remittances made by foreign companies?

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

(a) No remittances have so far been allowed under these heads for 1973 and 1974.

(b) Remittances will be allowed only where prior approval has been taken on the basis of the essentiality of the service and its non-availability or inadequacy in India.

Accident to Upper India Express

2014. SHRI BISWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA:
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bodies of all the persons who were killed in the accident to Upper India Express on the 31st October, 1974 near Allahabad have been identified;

(b) in how many cases the compensation money has not been claimed;

(c) what steps are being taken to inform the legal heirs of the deceased; and

(d) nature of assistance given to the injured?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No.

(b) No application for claim has so far been received.

(c) The next kith of the deceased and those seriously injured were informed telegraphically, wherever possible.

(d) An ex-gratia amount of Rs. 10,400 has been paid to the injured persons. Immediate medical aid and beverages were also given to the injured.

Unmanned Railway Crossing in Punjab

2016. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAI BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned Railway crossing in Punjab State; and

(b) if so, steps taken to avoid accidents at such crossings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) There are 1,231 unmanned level crossings in Punjab State.

(b) To reduce accidents at unmanned level crossings, the following preventive measures have been taken:—

(i) Stop Boards have been prominently displayed at the approaches to all unmanned level crossings within railway boundary on both sides of the track to warn the road-users to cross the railway track cautiously;

(ii) Whistle Boards have been fixed along the track, enjoining upon the drivers of the approaching trains to whistle as the train approaches the unmanned level crossings