

oil producing countries Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar have decided to lower the crude oil posted prices and raise the royalty and income tax rates applicable to the companies with effect from 1st November, 1974.

(c) and (d). No firm decision has been taken so far regarding additional purchase of crude oil from Iran during 1975.

New petrol pumps to be opened by IOC

2192. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new petrol pumps/petrol pumps-cum-service stations proposed to be opened by the Indian Oil Corporation in the Capital during the current year;

(b) their locations and when they are proposed to be set up;

(c) the justification of opening these petrol pumps when quite a large number of petrol pumps are already functioning here; and

(d) whether before opening a petrol pump at a particular site, it would be ensured that there is no objection to the opening of the petrol pump there by the residents nearby or by the schools located near the site?

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

(a) and (b). Three new retail outlets are proposed to be opened during the remaining period of 1974-75 at (i) Shahadara-4/7 G. T. Road (Delhi); (ii) New Delhi-1900 ft. away from the National By-Pass; and (iii) Vinobapuri, New Delhi. All these retail outlets are expected to be commissioned by March 1975.

(c) Potential of the areas where the outlets are proposed to be located justify their development based on vehicular traffic and the requirements of the residents/Industries located nearby.

(d) Necessary 'no objection' from the district authorities is obtained before developing a retail outlet. No clearance from the residents or schools is required since the sites are carved out by the Delhi Administration taking all relevant factors into account.

Air-conditioning of offices of senior officers

2193. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few posts of Senior Scale Officers in Railway have been upgraded and the word 'Senior' have been added before their designation like Sr. DOs(T), Sr. DCs., Sr. DAO, Sr. DEN and their existing offices have been air-conditioned; and

(b) the offices on Railways where the rooms of such Senior Scale Officers mentioned in part (a) above have been air-conditioned, Division/zone-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, some posts have been upgraded and redesignated as Senior Divisional Officers. The Government have decided to impose, as an economy measure, temporary restrictions on the provision of Air Conditioners to the recently upgraded divisional officers and no further offices of the Senior Officers in the Divisional Offices of the Railway will be air-conditioned till the above restrictions continue.

(b) The information is being collected.