

(c) All the arrested persons were either prosecuted or dealt with departmentally according to the evidence available in each case.

**Shortage of certain Petro-Chemicals for Plastic Industries**

6107. SHRI HARI SINGH :  
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY :

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

(a) whether paucity of some petrochemicals have resulted in the retardation of production in plastic industries in the country; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken by Government?

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

(a) and (b) For some time now, there is generally no shortage of thermoplastic resins (PVC, Low Density Polyethylene, High Density Polyethylene and Polystyrene).

**Earnings from Standard I and II Class Coaches**

6108. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN :  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the comparative earnings from a standard II Class coach and a standard I class coach over a given distance; and

(b) what are the reasons for not increasing the standard II class carrying capacity on over-crowded trains by substituting more II class coaches in place of I class coaches?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) The comparative earnings from basic fares from a standard second class coach and a standard first class coach for travel between New Delhi to Madras, a distance of 2185 Kms. are as under :—

First Class	Rs. 6852.00
Second Class	Rs 6504.00

(b) There is heavy demand for first class accommodation also in all popular trains and the Railways have to provide the services for which there is a demand. Therefore, substitution of first class coaches by second class coaches is not considered desirable. However, a watch is kept on different classes of accommodation and whenever feasible and justified I Class coaches are replaced by II Class coaches.

**Decision on take over of Caltex**

6110. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM  
KAKODKAR :  
SHRIMATI ROZA  
DESHPANDE :  
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL  
BHATIA :  
SHRI HARI KISHORE  
SINGH :

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

(a) whether any final decision regarding taking over of Caltex has been taken by Government recently; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof.

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

(a) and (b) Negotiation with Caltex are in progress. It will not be in the public interest to disclose any further detail in this regard.

**Allotment of Wagons to Gujarat State**

6111. SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of Railway Wagons allotted to the State Government of Gujarat was very much less in the month of December, 1974 and January, 1975 ;

(b) if so, what was the total number of wagons allotted ;

(c) whether there was a great shortage of wagons with the result that the food grains could not reach the drought hit area frequently ; and