

**Extension given to Expert Committee  
Appointed to Examine Proposals  
for New Prefabricated  
Housing Factories**

10005. SHRI RABI RAY :  
SHRI MAYAVAN :  
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
SHRI DHANDAPANI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the experts Committee appointed to examine proposals for several new prefabricated housing factories has been given an extension of time ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) when they propose to submit their report and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) The reference appears to be to the Committee appointed to study cost reduction in house-construction and the adoption of methods of pre-fabrication and mechanisation. If so, the answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Visits to a number of States in the country for consultation and discussion took longer than expected and an extension of 1½ months was found inescapable.

(c) By the middle of May, 1970.

**Statement made by the Prime Minister  
in Madras Re price Rising Trend**

10006. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :  
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :  
SHRI D. AMAT :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister recently stated in Madras that the price situation was causing concern to Government ;

(b) if so, in what context these remarks were made ; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check the price rising trend ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). During the Prime Minister's visit to Madras on the 18th April, 1970, some newsmen had asked her a number of questions, one of which related to the price situation in the country. It was in that context that the Prime Minister had stated that while price levels in the country were a matter for concern, they were not at present out of control.

(c) The Government keeps constant watch on prices and takes remedial measures in the light of the emerging situation. These measures include fiscal remedies to curb excess demand, imposition of control on bank advances against commodities subjected to price pressures, arranging imports to augment domestic supplies, building stocks of food-grains and maintenance of a system of public distribution to ensure supplies of essential commodities at reasonable prices. Wherever necessary, price control measures are reviewed and use is made of the Essential Commodities Act.

**पेट्रोल और मिट्टी के तेल के  
वामों में वृद्धि**

10007. श्री जगेश्वर यादव : क्या पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछले कुछ दिनों में पेट्रोल तथा मिट्टी के तेल के मूल्यों में कोई वृद्धि हुई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्तमान मूल्यों तथा 1969 में व्याप्त मूल्यों के बीच कितना अन्तर है और मूल्यों में वृद्धि के क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री व० रा० बबहाण) : (क) पिछले कुछ दिनों में मुख्य बन्दरगाहों पर मूल अधिकतम विक्रय मूल्यों, जिन्हें सरकार अधिसूचित करती है, में कोई परिवर्तन नहीं हुआ है। किन्तु इन दोनों पदार्थों पर मूल उत्पादन शुल्क की दर में वृद्धि होने के फलस्वरूप, 1-3-1970 से सारे देश में मोटर स्पिरिट और मिट्टी के तेल के दाम बढ़ गये हैं।