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### **Booking of Betel Leave at Howrah Station**

1930. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have restricted the booking of Betel Baskets at Howrah Station; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

### **Cost of Imported Crude Oil**

1931. SHRI A. K. A ABDUL SAMAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the average landed cost of imported crude oil per metric tonne during 1987, 1988 and 1989 in rupees.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Cost (Rs. per tonne)</i>	
	<i>ONGC</i>	<i>OIL</i>
1987-88	1215	1225.56
1988-89	1319	1311.28
1989-90	1637	1569.17

(c) For the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 royalty was paid at the rate of Rs. 192/- per tonne and for the year 1989-90 in addition to Rs. 192/- per tonne the States of Assam and Gujarat were paid an ad hoc additional royalty at the rate of Rs. 100/- per tonne, pending finalisation of rate for the period 1.4.1987

(b) the average well-head cost of indigenous crude oil per metric tonne during the corresponding period;

(c) the royalty paid to the producing State and included in the average well-head cost of indigenous crude oil;

(d) the date of last revision of royalty;

(e) whether the producing States are satisfied with the royalty or whether they have asked for enhancement; and

(f) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The weighted average landed cost of imported crude oil during the year 1987, 1988 and 1989 was Rupees 1727, 1587 and 1965 per metric tonne respectively.

(b) The average cost of production of crude oil for the years 1987-88 to 1989-90 is as under:-

to 31.3.1990.

(d) The rates of royalty were last revised with effect from 1.4.1984.

(e) No, sir. The State Governments