

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to tackle the financial crisis faced by the Vayudoot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (c) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot Limited. No final decision has yet been taken in this matter.

[*English*]

**Safety Measures in Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd.**

129 SHRI RAM NAIK. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the news-item captioned "Gallantary awards for CISF men mooted" appearing in the 'Indian Express' (Bombay Edition) dated November 10, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the Government are considering enhancement of relief amount given to CISF personnel so as to make it equivalent to the relief being given to the employees of the Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter and the time-bound programme drawn up for the implementation of the decision;

(c) whether safety measures were taken and medical help provided by the IPCL, and

(d) if not, the action taken proposed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) IPCL has already announced ex-gratia payment of Rs. 1 lakh to the next of kin of all those including CISF personnel, who died in the Negothane accident and Rs. 50,000 to each injured person.

(c) and (d) Immediate medical attention was given to all those affected in the accident. One CISF employee is still undergoing treatment in Bombay. The medical treatment expenses are being met by IPCL. Action is already in hand to strengthen the safety measures.

**Shortage of Petroleum Products in Karnataka**

\*130. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of petroleum products in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The availability position of petroleum products in Karnataka is comfortable. However, reports have been received about some shortage of High Speed Diesel.

(b) and (c) HSD supplies to retail outlets throughout the country are presently being maintained at the same level as in the corresponding period of the previous year. This restriction on HSD releases has resulted in some shortages in different parts of the country, including Karnataka. The position is being monitored closely to ensure, to the extent possible, adequate availability of petroleum products throughout the country.

**Setting up of Super Thermal Power Station at Hospet in Karnataka**

\*131. SHRI H. C. SRIKANTAJAH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Super Thermal Power Plant at Hospet in Karnataka;