

Ban on production of H.D.P. bags

* 734. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether there is any Government ban or restrictions on production of H.D.P. bags;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware of the urgent requirements of H.D.P. bags; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure their production and availability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir, adequate Letters of Intent/Registration have been issued to the organised and small scale units to ensure required availability of HDPE bags.

Seminar on 'Economic Policy Options'

* 737. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Seminar on "Economic Policy Options" was held recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed at the Seminar;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether the need for futuristic units was stressed at the Seminar and if

so, whether Government propose to take any steps in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (d). The reference presumably is to a Seminar on Economic Policy Options held at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Delhi, in the first week of March, 1985. It is understood that a number of papers were presented at the Seminar on the general theme of Economic Policies. The views expressed in the Seminar were those of individual participants. Government have not received any report or reference on the conclusions/recommendations of the Seminar. As such, the question of any action on the part of the Government does not arise.

Expansion of Digboi Refinery

* 741. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has prepared a feasibility report for expansion of Digboi Refinery to 10 million tonnes per annum with a projected capital outlay of Rs. 300 crores; and

(b) if so, taking into account that logistics in the Northern Indian region are such that this refinery is best suited to feed the areas of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura, and that the expansion will bring significant socio economic benefit, whether Government propose to consider to take early decision to clear the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The IOC have prepared a Feasibility Report for expansion of Digboi Refinery to 1.0 MTPA with a project capital outlay of Rs. 309.09 crores.

(b) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.