

[English]

Low Density Polyethylene Price

*93. SHRI SAMBAJIRAO KAKADE:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to reduce the price of Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effect of this price reduction on the production of LDPE?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c). At present Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (IPCL) a Central Public Sector Undertaking is the only manufacture of LDPE in the country. As the domestic availability of LDPE is significantly short of the indigenous demand, import of LDPE is allowed on OGL for actual users as well as for stock and sale; IPCL has been effecting imports of LDPE to cater to the requirements of small scale units who find it difficult to organise imports on their own. IPCL offers indigenous and imported LDPE to the consumers at a pooled price which is adjusted from time to time depending upon the landed cost of imports. The pooled price was reduced by around Rs. 3/kg in December, 1988.

The reduction in the pooled price will have no impact on the production of LDPE in the country.

Functioning of National Council for Cement and Building Materials

*94. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:
SHRI AJOY BISWAS:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any irregularities have been noticed in the functioning of the National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCBM);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c). Some allegations have been received against the management of the National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCBM). Government also felt that the working of the Organisation needed to be reviewed. A one-man Review Committee has therefore been set up in January, 1989, (consisting of Shri S.S. Dhanoa, IAS (retd.), to make an indepth review of the functioning of NCBM and to enquire into the allegations made against its management.

Advertisements given to Newspapers and Periodicals in Punjab and Chandigarh

*95. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of advertisements given to each of the daily newspapers and periodicals published from Punjab and Chandigarh by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity during 1988;

(b) whether there have been complaints of discrimination in allotment of DAVP advertisements to these newspapers and periodicals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The value of the

advertisements given to the newspapers and periodicals published from Punjab and Chandigarh during the period from April to December, 88 was Rs. 55,86,138. 78p. A list of such newspapers is given in the Statement below. The details of amounts paid to individual newspapers are not disclosed and are treated as confidential.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

List of Newspapers and Periodicals in Punjab and Chandigarh given D.A.V.P. Advertisements during the period April to December, 1988

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| 1. Indian Express | 15. Bharat Desh Hamara |
| 2. Tribune | 16. Chandigarh Times |
| 3. Vyapar Udyog Samachar | 17. Manav Sampada |
| 4. Art of Living | 18. Arth Prakash |
| 5. Punjab Mail | 19. Chandigarh Darshan |
| 6. Chandigarh News Letter | 20. M.R. Khabren |
| 7. Punjab Speaks | 21. Sanjogi Mela |
| 8. Dainik Tribune | 22. Khamoshi Ka Chirag |
| 9. Veer Pratap | 23. Jansatta |
| 10. Hindi Milap | 24. Dagar Express |
| 11. Punjab Kesari | 25. Pratap |
| 12. Desh Pyar | 26. Milap |
| 13. Vishva Jyoti | 27. Samaj |
| 14. Pilot | 28. Punjab Bulletin |
| | 29. Rohjah |
| | 30. Ludhiana Express |
| | 31. Hind Samachar |
| | 32. Ludhiana Post |
| | 33. Aroma |
| | 34. Nazrana |
| | 35. Avahan |
| | 36. Daggar |
| | 37. Janta Sansar |
| | 38. Hindu |

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| 39. Mehrat | 63. Pyas |
| 40. Panchi | 64. Sukhraj |
| 41. Akali Patrika | 65. Roop |
| 42. Ajit | 66. Punjab Press |
| 43. Ranjit | 67. Nirbhai Sewak |
| 44. Nawan Zamana | 68. Jasvinder |
| 45. Suraj | 69. Pendu Darpan |
| 46. Chardi Kala (Daily) | 70. Panj Pani |
| 47. Punjabi Tribune | 71. Sanyasi Shakti |
| 48. Jag Bani | 72. Intezar |
| 49. Tarjman | 73. Ahluwalia Times |
| 50. Qaumi Den | 74. Sada Zamana |
| 51. Jag Jot | 75. Punjabi Jagat |
| 52. Dharalldar | 76. Samrala Times |
| 53. Navin Saver | 77. Darshanjit |
| 54. Senapati | 78. Sacha Hamdard |
| 55. Intaqam | 79. Des Prades |
| 56. Daler Punjab | 80. Sajre Phull |
| 57. Sevadar | 81. International |
| 58. Khalsa Samachar | 82. Daler Khalsa |
| 59. Pauh Phutti | 83. Shamsheer-E-Hind |
| 60. Lok Yug | 84. Charhdi Kala (Weekly) |
| 61. Samrat | 85. Qaumi Sampark |
| 62. Tir Quman (Daily) | 86. Dhuri News |

87. Bhullar Ekta
88. Mehram
89. Tasvir
90. Patiala Express
91. Gairat
92. Qaumi Bulara
93. Ranjit
94. Sirjana
95. Shaheed-E-Azam
96. Lok Lahar
97. Hara Inquilab
98. Panth Khalsa
99. Babar Akali Lehar
100. Sarvodaya Sansar
101. Mel Milap
102. Panchayat Awaz
103. Samana Times
104. Deg Teg Sandesh
105. Jantak Lahar
106. Nidar
107. Pawittar Bodh
108. Pahul Khandedhar
109. Charhata Suraj
110. Patiala Bhani
111. Gian Wan

112. Rover
113. Amar Kahaniyan
114. Man Sarovar Times
115. Panth Khalsa
116. Panthak Jeevan
117. Harjit
118. Noori Preet
119. Sanjogi Mele
120. Veer Ashok
121. Swaran
122. Tir Kaman (Weekly)

Seminar on Power Development

*96. SHRI T.V. CHANDRASHEKHARAPPA.
SHRI S.M. GURADDI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether two seminars on "Power Development in Eighth Plan — strategies, issues and actions" were organised by the National Council of Power Utilities in New Delhi on 22 December, 1988;

(b) if so, the number of experts who participated in the seminars;

(c) whether any suggestions were made by them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):
(a) A seminar was organised by the National