

kg. is not an exorbitant price. If we feel that they are charging exorbitant price, we do not mind importing more quantities. As I have already said, it is open to the consumers to import any quantity.

SHRI BHAGWANT JHA AZAD : How can the small people import? Only the big persons can import.

श्री शिव कुमार सिंह ठाकुर: सिंथेटिक फाइबर बार्न के बने कपड़े की कास्ट जाफ प्रोडक्शन के सम्बन्ध में यह सवाल पूछा गया है। इस बार्न से बने कपड़े के जो मालिक हैं वे पचास से साठ प्रतिशत तक का प्रॉफिट कमाते हैं। क्या शासन की ऐसी कोई नीति है ताकि कम कीमत पर उपभोक्ता को टैरीलीन और टैरीकाट का कपड़ा मिल सके?

श्री वीरेन्द्र पाटिल: कपड़े का जहाँ तक सवाल है उसका मेरी मिनिस्ट्री से ताल्लुक नहीं है। मेरी मिनिस्ट्री का ताल्लुक सिर्फ फाइबर से है, फैब्रिक से नहीं है। इसलिए माननीय सदस्य अगर कामर्स मिनिस्ट्री से यह सवाल करें तो कामर्स मिनिस्टर इसका जवाब दे सकते हैं।

Production Loss in Sindri Factory of Fertiliser Corporation of India

*636. **SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:**

1. **SHRI P. K. KODIYAN:**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sindri factory of the Fertiliser Corporation of India shut off since January 1980 for want of fuel oil has suffered a huge production loss;

(b) if so, the actual extent of loss suffered so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken to resume production in the factory?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The Sindri Modernisation plant of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited has been closed since the evening of the 16th January, 1980 due to non-availability of feed stock, viz., fuel

oil/LSHS, following the closure of the Bongaigaon and Barauni refineries on account of the Assam situation.

(b) The production loss till the 15th July, 1980 is estimated at 50,850 tonnes of nitrogen.

(c) The plant will be re-started as soon as the feed stock becomes available.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: The answer to Question No. (b) may be given in rupees. I want to know from the hon. Minister: what are the alternative steps that have been taken to continue the fuel oil supplies to these factories?

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: There is no possibility of taking any alternative step because all these plants depend upon the Bongaigaon and Barauni refineries' products. They are getting crude direct from Assam. Unless crude supply is resumed, it is not possible to supply fuel oil to these plants.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: How many fertiliser plants are lying idle on account of stoppage of fuel oil to these plants? What are the daily losses on account of the Assam agitation?

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: On account of the Assam agitation, so far we have lost by way of crude oil more than Rs. 400 crores and by way of fertiliser, it is very difficult to say. If the hon. Member puts a separate question I will be able to supply the information.

The hon. Member has asked as to how many fertiliser factories have been affected as a result of the Assam agitation. According to my information—I do not have the detailed information—6 to 7 fertiliser factories have been affected because of the Assam agitation.

Appointment of Advisory Committee on Distribution of Petroleum Products

*637. **SHRI K. MALLANNA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any Advisory Committee on the distribution of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have appointed District-level Co-ordinators in the States to assist the District authorities in ensuring equitable distribution of petroleum products and in curbing malpractices; and

(d) if so, whether the representatives of the States are also being nominated to this Advisory Committee?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer at (a) and (b) above.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: The answer is very simple. When there are large scale malpractices in the distribution of petroleum products like hoarding, adulteration and all that, why is the Government not thinking of appointing advisory committees? What steps have been taken to curb these malpractices?

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: We have appointed State Coordinating Officers and District Coordinating Officers. They go round and inspect the petrol pumps, diesel pumps and also the dealers whether there is any malpractice. So far as distribution is concerned, I have made it clear on so many occasions that it is the responsibility of the State Governments. If there is any malpractice, they can bring to our notice. The State Governments themselves are in a position to take action. We are also in a position to take action. It is open to the hon. Members to bring to our notice any malpractice.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: The country itself is facing scarcity of petroleum products. May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is exporting the petroleum products, both indigeneous and imported, to other countries? If so, what is the reason and what is the loss incurred in terms of foreign exchange?

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: I do not have the information with me. But so far as my knowledge goes, we are importing crude oil and petroleum products from other countries. Then, where is the question of export?

श्रीमती कृष्णा साहू: मंत्री महोदय ने बताया कि कदाचार को रोकने के लिये और वितरण प्रणाली को संतुलित रखने के लिये आफिसर्स की एक कमिटी बनाई है, मैं जानना चाहती हूँ कि क्या उस कमिटी में भी जन-प्रतिनिधियों को रखने का सरकार का विचार है?

श्री वीरेन्द्र पाटिल: मैंने कभी यह नहीं कहा कि आफिसर्स की कमिटी है। मैंने कहा कि हमारा आयल कंपनी का अफिसर रहता है, वह को-ऑर्डिनेट करता है स्टेट लेवल पर-स्टेट लेवल पर स्टेट को-ऑर्डिनेटिंग अफिसर और डिस्ट्रिक्ट में डिस्ट्रिक्ट को-ऑर्डिनेटिंग अफिसर की हस्तियत से आयल कंपनी का एक रिप्रेजेंटेटिव काम करता है और वह स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को एसिस्ट करता है।

श्री रामावतार झास्त्री: पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों में गैस-सिलिंडर भी शामिल हैं और गैस सिलिंडर ज्यादातर मध्यम श्रेणी के लोग इस्तेमाल में लाते हैं। इस बात का ध्यान में रखते हुए और उसमें जो कदाचार है, यह सर्वज्ञ है, सब जानते हैं, क्या सरकार ने गैस सिलिंडर वितरित करने के सिलसिले में किसी एजेंट को ज्यादा से ज्यादा महीने में कितने गैस सिलिंडर दिये जायेंगे, इस तरह की कोई योजना बनाई है? यदि हां, तो वह क्या है?

श्री वीरेन्द्र पाटिल: हाल में हमने एक योजना बनाई है। यह योजना एक एजेंट को कितने देने है, यह नहीं है, क्योंकि एजेंट्स बड़े-बड़े शहरों और टाउनों में भी

होते हैं इसलिये 2500 रीफिल से लेकर 6,000 रीफिल तक एक एजेंट को देना हमने तय किया है। डिटेल्स आप चाहें तो बाद में दे सकता हूँ या हमारी मिनिस्ट्री को डिमांडिंग कल आ रही है, उस समय डिटेल्स में दूंगा।

I said just now that no petroleum product is exported. I have got the information that some time back some naptha was exported once when it was in excess and which was also highly aromatic. So, except that naptha and that too a certain quantity some time back, we are not exporting any petroleum products.

SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: I want to know from the hon. Minister whether he is aware that when Mr. Bahuguna was Minister in charge of petroleum, he had appointed a non-official committee at the all-India level. I would like to know whether the Committee is functioning now or not.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: It is a fact that my predecessor, Mr. Bahuguna, wanted to constitute an Advisory Committee. In fact, he had constituted the Advisory Committee. By the time the Advisory Committee was constituted and it was about to meet, at that time the Ministry fell and that Advisory Committee could not meet. After I took over, I took a decision that there is no need for an Advisory Committee because the Parliamentary Consultative Committee is there. That Committee is enough for all.

राजस्थान में पेट्रोल पम्प लगाना

*638. श्री वीरेंद्र चन्द्र जैन: क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राजस्थान में जिला बाडमेर के किन-किन स्थानों पर पेट्रोल पम्प लगाये गये हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि चोहाता थोर-मिना, बयाट, सिन्दबवी पंचायत समिति

मस्थालयों तथा सामझारी, मोकासज्जन, कल्याणपुरा तथा अन्य महत्वपूर्ण स्थानों पर पेट्रोल पम्प न होने के कारण जिले के किसानों को डीजल, मिट्टी का तेल तथा पेट्रोल खेती के लिये 50-75 किलो मीटर दूरी तय करनी पड़ती है और बहुत दिक्कत का सामना करना पड़ता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन लोगों की दिक्कतों को दूर करने के लिए उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा उक्त स्थानों पर कब और किन-किन तारीखों तक पेट्रोल पम्प लगाये जायेंगे।

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The undermentioned places in Barmer district of Rajasthan have been provided with retail outlets (petrol/diesel pumps):—

Barmer
Gandave
Balotra
Siwana
Gunga

(b) Opening of retail outlets is a particular location depends upon its demand potential and economic viability of operation. Due to low potential, it is possible that consumers of some of these locations might have to travel long distances to get their requirements.

(c) Opening of retail outlets is a continuous process. If the feasibility study being carried out by the oil industry justifies retail outlet at any of these locations, the same will be included in their plans from 1981-82 onwards for opening retail outlets.

श्री वीरेंद्र चन्द्र जैन: बाडमेर जिले का क्षेत्रफल 27,000 वर्ग किलोमीटर है। मंत्री महोदय के जवाब में बताया गया है कि सिर्फ 5 स्थानों पर पेट्रोल पंप हैं। मैंने जो स्थान बताये हैं, वे पंचायत समिति के मस्थालय हैं और महत्वपूर्ण नगर हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन स्थानों के बारे में फीजिबिलिटी स्टडी करवाई गई है; यदि हां, तो उसके निष्कर्ष क्या हैं।