

lay-offs ;

(b) if so, from when ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHA-
BILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It defeats the very purpose of lay off
where it is justified.

MR. SPEAKER : Now no more questions
and answers. The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Capacity Utilisation of Distilleries

*123. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will
the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FER-
TILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the capacity of distilleries in
the country was mis-matched to the availa-
bility of molasses during the last three
years resulting in surplus of molasses ; and

(b) the prevailing prices of alcohol and
molasses in world market and whether
export of molasses or alcohol is beneficial
to India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND
FERTILIZERS (SHRI R.C. RATH) :

(a) No Sir.

(b) As per available information the
prevailing export prices from India are as
under :

Alcohol :

₹ 280 to ₹ 300 per MT (1250 litres F.O.B.)

Molasses :

₹ 45 to ₹ 50 per MT F.O.B.

To the extent of surplus availability,
export of molasses/alcohol is beneficial,
both to overcome storage/pollution pro-
blems as also for earning foreign exchange.

Production and Sale Price of Polybuta- dene Rubber

*129. SHRI K.T. KOSALRAM : Will
the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to
state :

(a) the annual production of polybuta-
dene rubber being manufactured by the
Indian Petro-chemicals Corporation Limi-
ted, Baroda ;

(b) the sale price of this product and
the rate of discount given to the dealers by
the Indian Petro-chemicals Corporation
Ltd. ;

(c) whether price of polybutadene rubber
is priced 15 per cent to 30 per cent higher
than Styrene-butadene rubber in foreign
countries ; and

(d) the reasons for selling polybutadene
rubber at a throwaway price by the Indian
Petro-chemicals Corporation Ltd., parti-
cularly when the tyre manufacturers are
indiscriminately hiking the tyre prices ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P.
SHIV SHANKAR) : (a)

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| 1980-81 | — | 6,465 tonnes |
| 1981-82 | — | 11,481 tonnes |
| 1982-83 | — | 16,176 tonnes |

(b) It ranges from Rs. 15,500 to Rs.
17,000 per tonne, depending on the grade.
No discount is given to dealers. However,
a dealer's commission upto Rs. 500/- per
tonne is allowed.

(c) It is correct that in foreign countries
price of PBR is higher than that of SBR.
The difference ranges from 2% to 11%.

(d) The price at which IPCL sells PBR
cannot be said to be throw-away price. It
is higher than the international price. In