

(b) if so, whether Government propose to include therein GARO WANGALA DANCE from Meghalaya?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) and (b). It is proposed to issue a set of 4 stamps on Tribes of India for which material is being collected. There is no proposal at present to issue stamps on tribal folk-dances.

#### Price of Petroleum Products

\*11. SHRI C. R. MAHATA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fuel prices (petrol, kerosene, diesel etc.) have been enormously increased since August last; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and to what extent the increases were attributable to increase in the import price of crude?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) A statement showing increases/decreases in the basic selling prices of major petroleum products effected from 17-8-1979/11-9-1979 is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) About two-thirds of our requirements of crude oil and finished petroleum products are met by imports. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) announced quarterly increases in crude prices for 1979, which were revised later and made very steep causing an additional burden of around Rs. 1100 crores per annum. An additional burden of around Rs. 50 crores was created by certain increases of domestic costs. Out of Rs. 1150 crores, Rs. 280 crores per annum was realised by reduction in excise duties and the balance of Rs. 870 crores was passed on to the consumers by way of price increases.

#### Statement

*Increase /Decreases made in the basic selling prices of major refined petroleum products since August, 1979*

Products	Selling unit	Increase w.c.f. 17-8-79 Rs.	Decrease w.c.f. 11-9-79 Rs.
1. Aviation Turbine Fuel . . . . .	KL	740.00	
2. Motor Spirit 83 Oct.,one . . . . .	KL	350.00	
3. High Speed Diesel Oil . . . . .	KL	170.00	70.00
4. Superior Kerosene Oil . . . . .	KL	170.00	70.00
5. Light Diesel Oil . . . . .	KL	320.00	
6. Furnace Oil for Fertilizer use . . . . .	KL	Nil	
7. Furnace Oil for non-fertilizer use . . . . .	KL	320.00	
8. Bitumen St. Grade (Bulk) . . . . .	MT	500.00	
9. Bitumen—Packed . . . . .	MT	500.00	
10. Naphtha for non-fertilizer use . . . . .	MT	1470.00	
11. Naphtha for fertilizer use . . . . .	MT	Nil	
12. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) —Domestic . . . . .	MT	333.33	
13. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Industrial . . . . .	MT	333.33	
14. Low Sulphur Heavy Stock (LSHS) for non-fertilizer use . . . . .	MT	320.00	
15. Low Sulphur Heavy Stock (LSHS) for fertilizer use . . . . .	MT	Nil	