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(Figures in tonnes)

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Basis of Allocation of Wax to States

*383. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the basis of allotting wax quota to different States; and

(b) the annual quota of wax fixed for each State by the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D.K. BOROOAH) : (a) and (b). The allocation of paraffin wax to the different States was initially fixed on the basis of the actual consumption of this product during 1970. Thereafter this allocation has been progressively enhanced with improvements in indigenous availability. The 1973 State-wise allocation of paraffin wax is placed on the table of the House.

STATEMENT

Statement showing allocation of Paraffin Wax for the year 1973

(Figures in tonnes)

1. Delhi	3142
2. Uttar Pradesh	3483
3. West Bengal	9368
4. Bihar	1521
5. Maharashtra	7995

6. Gujarat	978
7. Haryana	769
8. Andhra Pradesh	769
9. Madhya Pradesh	769
10. Rajasthan	615
11. Orissa	707
12. Punjab	697
13. Mysore	615
14. Tamil Nadu	6150
15. Kerala	1255
16. Goa, Daman & Diu	202
17. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	40
18. Chandigarh	51
19. Pondicherry	22
20. Himachal Pradesh	82
21. Jammu & Kashmir	103
22. Assam	4920
23. Nagaland	718
24. Arunachal Pradesh	154
25. Manipur	154
26. Tripura	272
27. Meghalaya	769
28. Andaman & Nicobar	20
29. Laccadives	8.4
30. Mizoram	101

TOTAL . . . 46449.4

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals whether it is a fact that there are various industries in Orissa State which are dependent upon Paraffin Wax, which have been closed, or are likely to be closed due to short supply of wax ?

SHRI D.K. BOROOAH : There might be industries in Orissa which depend upon wax, but there are certain industries in other States which are bigger in size and therefore require more wax.

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : May I know whether it is a fact that Orissa is not getting its fixed quota in time ?

SHRI D.K. BOROOAH : I have no information on that point.

SHRI R. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI : In the statement it is said that the paraffin wax allotted to Kerala is only 1255 tons. The last year's request of the Kerala Industries Department for the supply of paraffin wax to the small manufacturers of candles was itself nearly 5,000 tons but the government have allotted only 1255 tons. Will government consider their request for allotment of more wax at least this year for saving the small scale industries ?

SHRI D.K. BOROOAH : Our total production of wax this year is 46,000 tons. It is distributed on the basis of consumption of 1970 and the increase has not been on the *pro rata* basis.

SHRI D.N. TIWARY : The statement shows a wide range of disparity in the allocation of paraffin wax to States. While Assam has got 4920 tons, Bihar has got only 1521 tons. Does the Minister want to say that there is no demand in Bihar and also whether area and population criteria are taken into consideration ?

SHRI D.K. BOROOAH : It is a question of consumption till 1970. Industries had built around Assam because Digboi is the only refinery which produces wax. So, the consumption there is a little higher. So, also in Calcutta. The other States have not come up to that standard of consumption because they started late.

SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI : May I know from the hon. Minister which are the refineries that produce paraffin wax and is there any scheme in the hands of the

government to produce paraffin wax in refineries which at present do not produce paraffin wax ?

SHRI D.K. BOROOAH : Yes, Sir. The only refinery which produces paraffin wax at present is Digboi refinery. We are trying to produce slack wax at Barauni. The idea is that we should go in for production of wax in some other refineries including Barauni, Haldia and Lubeoil Plant in Bombay

श्री के० एन० तिवारी : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि सारे स्टेट्स की मिला कर डिमांड कितनी है और कितना शॉर्टेज होता है और उस को कब तक पूरा करने की प्लानिंग है ?

श्री देवकान्त बरुआ : डिमांड बहुत ज्यादा नहीं है क्योंकि पिछले साल जितना वैक्स स्टेट्स को एलाट किया गया था किसी किसी स्टेट ने उस को लिफ्ट किया ।

श्री के० एन० तिवारी : डिमांड कितनी है ?

SHRI D.K. BOROOAH : The demand is almost the same as the production; we may have to import a little bit, but that will not be very large quantity.

Indigenous Production of Oil Drilling Equipment

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

(a) whether any oil drilling platform and other equipment for use in off-shore drilling have been produced with indigenous know-how;

(b) if so, the nature and quantity of such equipment produced indigenously; and

(c) how much money has been or is proposed to be spent on the import of such equipment ?