

there are other cases in the Matunga Railway Workshop. I am not referring to that.

**SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI:** 12 people are suspended there but 11 people are involved in murder cases. They are facing trial in the Court of law. Unless the decision is taken by the Court how can we take decision on that?

**SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA:** Sir, may I know, apart from the figures given by the Minister regarding the suspension, whether there are cases of dismissal also about which there was a categorical assurance given in this House by the Minister that all cases would be reviewed and those who had not committed crimes which came under Criminal Procedure would be taken back? Whether the Government is now reconsidering their order for dismissal including the suspension orders?

**SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI:** Sir, I will have to repeat the answers which I have been giving in this House. Sir, the total number of employees dismissed and removed from service was 16,898. Out of this, 16,056 have been taken back on duty and out of the remaining, 452 people have gone to the courts and 63 employees have not appealed. That leaves a number of 327 employees out of 16,898 who have not been taken back in service so far. (Interruptions)

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Distribution of Kerosene in Rural Areas

\*12. **SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has recently urged the State Governments to

streamline the distribution of kerosene oil in rural and semi-urban areas; and

(b) if so, steps suggested in this direction?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following the unavoidable increase of 12 paise/litre in the basic ceiling selling prices of kerosene oil, effective from 1st December, 1975, State Governments/Union Territories Administrations were requested to streamline the distribution arrangements particularly in rural and semi-urban areas. They were also advised to review the distribution and transportation costs and profit margins allowed to the wholesalers and retailers to see whether it would be possible to keep down the increase to less than 12 paise. It has also been suggested that the State Governments can themselves undertake the task of distribution of kerosene so as to reduce the charges. State Governments have also been advised to take a serious view of sale of kerosene in 750 ml. bottles and charging for it the price of one litre.

##### Purchase of Wagons during 1975-76

\*13. **SHRI N. K. SANGHI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways had planned to purchase more than 6000 wagons during 1975-76;

(b) if so, the number of wagons that could be purchased so far;

(c) whether the total lot could be purchased as planned; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Till 30th November, 1975 a total of 7,660 Wagons in terms of 4-wheelers have been purchased.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Adoption of Latest Techniques by O. and N.G.C. to Explore Oil**

14. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN;  
SHRI SARJOO PANDEY;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has decided to adopt latest techniques to improve the recovery of oil from its oilfields in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the projects and names of countries which would collaborate therein?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Institute of Reservoir Studies will be set up in Baroda with French collaboration to carry out laboratory studies in secondary and tertiary recovery processes and other research and development activities. Projects as such will be formulated later on the basis of the results of these studies.

After the Institute has been set up, four or five Soviet specialists will also be associated with it.

Three officers of ONGC have received training in fire flooding technology in Rumania in pursuance of the decision arrived at the Indo-Rumanian Joint Commission meeting of September, 1974.

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**Work Done on Apta-Dasgaon Section of West Coast Railway**

\*15. SHRI SHANKER RAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much work has been done on the Apta-Dasgaon section of the West Coast Railway during 1974-75; and

(b) what work is proposed to be done on this section by 31st March, 1976?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH):** (a) and (b). Final Location Survey for the construction of a line between Apta and Dasgaon has been completed and the reports are under examination. The decision about the construction will be taken after the examination of the survey reports and depending on the availability of funds.

**Impact of Increase in Prices of Petroleum Products**

\*16. SHRI DHAMANKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the selective increases in the prices of petroleum products, including kerosene, cooking gas, high speed diesel oil and furnace oil recently imposed would adversely affect the general public and a number of industrial units to great extent; and

(b) what steps are taken to ensure that the retailers do not charge unduly exorbitant prices for these items from the consumers?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA):** (a) with