

(b) whether some States have expressed their views in this regard and if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

Arrangement made for supply of crude oil through Commerce Ministry

*453. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN IAL BHATIA:
SHRI P. GANGADEB:

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

(a) whether his Ministry has made any arrangements through Commerce Ministry for the supply of crude oil to meet the various requirements of the country; and

(b) if so, whether any foreign country has agreed to meet India's full crude requirements?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH): (a) and (b). While no such arrangements have been made so far, avenues of joint economic cooperation with a number of oil producing countries are being explored. Bilateral arrangements with a number of Gulf countries for the supply of crude oil have also been or are being made.

No single country's assistance has been sought to meet India's full crude requirements. It is also not proposed to do so.

Request from Punjab Government for supply of H.S.D. and fertilizers

*454. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL:
SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA:

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

(a) whether the Government of

Punjab has requested the Central Government to increase the supply of high speed and light diesel oil alongwith that of fertilisers on the basis of its agricultural requirements and its being the major contributor towards the stocks of foodgrains of the Centre; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Punjab has asked for increased supply of fertilizers and diesel oil both HSD and LDO for the State.

(b) This request has been accommodated to the maximum extent possible

Visit of Indian experts to Afghanistan for Flood Control Measures

*456. SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO:
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state.

(a) whether a delegation of Indian experts is likely to visit Afghanistan to explore the feasibility of flood control measures in that country; and

(b) if so, what would be the composition of this delegation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. One expert is likely to visit Afghanistan shortly for preliminary discussions and necessary studies.

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